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Preface.

On the 11th of May, 1891, in accordance with the plan adopted in 1889, the details of which are set forth and explained in the Preface to Volume VIII. of the Collections of The Worcester Society of Antiquity, a petition was presented to the City Government of Worcester for a third appropriation, to defray one-half the expense of copying, editing, indexing and printing the Town Records from 1817 to 1832, inclusive. This petition bore the following names: Albert Curtis, George F. Hoar, George Chandler, Nathaniel Paine, Frank P. Goulding, A. G. Bullock, F. A. Gaskill, E. B. Crane, Richard O'Flynn, Samuel S. Green, Samuel H. Putnam, Harvey B. Wilder, E. M. Barton, Lyman Brown, George M. Woodward, S. E. Hildreth, Clark Jillson, T. A. Dickinson, John C. Otis, Samuel E. Staples, S. D. Hosmer, James L. Estey, M. A. Maynard, Walter Davidson, George Sumner, Dwight A. Davis, J. Chauncey Lyford, Charles H. Banister, Edward R. Fiske and Franklin P. Rice.

At a meeting of the City Council, June 15th, 1891, the sum of five hundred dollars was voted for the purpose above named.

The publication of this portion of the Town Records, as Volume XI. of the Collections, was authorized by vote of The Worcester Society of Antiquity, at the regular meeting September 1, 1891.

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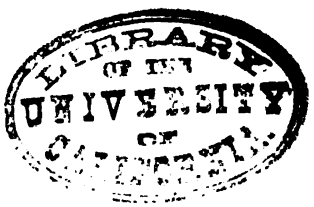

Worcester Town Records.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town affairs, for the choice of Town officers, and for a County Treasurer, held at the South Meeting House in said Worcester, on Monday the third day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Art. 1. The meeting having been opened by the Town Clerk, votes for a Moderator were called for, brought in, sorted, and counted, and Abraham Lincoln, Esquire, was chosen Moderator, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office.

2d. Levi Heywood was chosen Town Clerk, and sworn by the Moderator as per certificate on file.

Abraham Lincoln, Nathan White, Ephraim Mower, Nathaniel Stowell & John Flagg were chosen } Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor for the current year, and sworn by the Town Clerk, March 3d, 1817, according to Law.

James Wilson was chosen Town Treasurer, and Sworn March 5th.

Abraham Lincoln, Reuben Gleason & Jonathan Harrington } were chosen Assessors, and Sworn by the Town Clerk March 3d 1817.

A motion was made and secon[d]ed, to choose a Committee of Estimates, consisting of three persons, which passed in the affirmative, and thereupon Levi Lincoln Jr. Edward D. Bangs, and Levi Heywood were chosen on said Committee, to make their report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Art. 3rd Votes for a County Treasurer were called, brought in, & counted and were for Samuel Allen, Esquire, forty two votes, he being the only person voted for.

On a motion made and seconded, the choice of Constables was postponed until the adjournment of this meeting.

Art. 2d

Sworn March 3d " " 5th. Henry Rogers & Edward D. Bangs were chosen } Clerks of the Market

Chose Daniel Goulding, Pound Keeper.

Levi Lincoln, Jr. Samuel Flagg Jr. Oliver Fiske Peter Slater William Eaton Silas Brooks Fire Wards

Voted to postpone the choice of Tythingmen until the adjournment of this meeting

Chose Amherst Eaton, Sealer of Leather—Sworn March 8th 1817

Paul Shepherd & Simeon Duncan Cullers of Hoops & Staves.

Sworn March 5th. Sworn April 5th. Lewis Bigelow & Samuel Warden } Surveyors of Boards and Shingles.

Sworn March 31st. Matthew Gray
Sworn March 8. Nathaniel Gates
" " 8 John Jones
John Curtiss } Fence Viewers.

Abel Flagg Israel Whitney Reuben Wheeler Wm. Chamberlain Lewis Holbrook Rufus Porter Field-Drivers

Sworn March 8th Reuben Munroe, Andrew Slater } Measurers of wood.

	Samuel M. Burnside	
Sworn March 7th	Thomas N. Adlington	
Sworn March 3d	Elisha Flagg	
	Rejoice Newton	
Sworn March 8th	Artemas Ward	
Sworn March 7th	Levi Moore	
Sworn March 14th	Horatio G. Henshaw	
	Wm. Stowell	
Sworn March 5	Uriel Johnson	
Sworn March 8th	Ebenr. Geer	Hogreaves
	John Mann	
	Benja. Newton	
Sworn March 14th	Perry Chapin	
	Calvin Rand	
	Wm. Barber	
	Silas Morse	
Sworn March 10th	Jonas Brooks	
Sworn March 20th	Silas Knight	
	Amos Whitney &	
Sworn March 5th	Clark Willington	
Sworn March 5	Reuben Wheeler	
Sworn March 8	John Jones	
Sworn March 22d	Eli Chapin	
	Nathl. Stowell	
	Saml. Harrington	
	Reuben Gleason	
	Daniel Rand	
	Wm. Trowbridge, Jr.	Highway
	Jeremiah Harrington	Surveyors and
	Oliver Wight	Collectors of
Sworn March 17	Gardner Johnson 2d	Highway
	Joseph Mann	Taxes.
	John Nelson	
	John Flagg	
	Adolphus Taft	
	Moses N. Child	
Sworn March 7th	Levi Moore	
	Wm. Goss	
	John Gleason	

Voted to excuse Reuben Munroe from being a Measurer of Wood, and chose John Foxcroft in his room. Sworn March 5.

Art. 6th Voted to raise the sum of Two Thousand Dollars for the repairs of the Publick Roads and Bridges the current year,

and that the same be laid out and expended in the same way and manner, as was done the last year.

School Committee

Chose William Coes
Benjamin Thaxter
Nathan White
John Gleason 2d
Clark Willington

Lewis Barnard
John Elder, Jr.
John Ranks &
Amos Flagg

Voted that the article relating to the Publick Schools be refered to Levi Lincoln, Jur. Benjamin Thaxter, Thomas Chamberlain, Nathan White, John Totman, John Flagg, Jonathan Harrington, John Gleason and Abijah Pierce, to report generally on the same at the adjournment of this meeting.

Art. 7th Choose Abraham Lincoln Levi Heywood & Levi Lincoln, Jr. a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer.

Art. 8 Voted to postpone this article until the adjournment [1]

Art. 10th Voted to prohibet the Swine from going at large the current year.

Art. 11 Voted to prohibet neat cattle, horses, and mules from going at large the current year.

Art. 12 Chose Levi Lincoln Jun[r]. Esqr. Town Agent.

Art. 13 On motion made and seconded, it was voted to dismiss the 13th Article;[2] which vote was reconsidered, and thereupon it was voted to refer the same to Samuel Flagg, Junior, Thomas Chamberlain, Nathaniel Paine, Samuel Flagg, Samuel Brazier, Rejoice Newton and Moses Perry, a Committee to report on said Article at the adjournment of this meeting.

A motion was then made, seconded, and passed in the affirmative, to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May next, at

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[1] In relation to town bonds.

[2] ARTICLE 13:—To see if the Town will allow a compensation to the Chairman of the Selectmen for his services, agreeably to the application of William Eaton & others

three of the clock in the afternoon; and the meeting was adjourned accordingly.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governour and Lieutenant Governour, holden on the seventh day of April, being the first Monday in said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governour and Lieutenant Governour of said Commonwealth.—The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed, & were for the following persons—

For Gen. Henry Dearborn, Two hundred & thirty eight 238
For his Excellency John Brooks, One hundred & ninety one 191
} for Governour

Gen. William King, Two hundred & forty one 241
His Honor William Phillips, One hundred & ninety 190
} Lt. Governour.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators & Counsellors, holden on the seventh day of April, being the first Monday in said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors for the district of Worcester County

The whole number of votes given in were counted, sorted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed—and were for the following persons—

For Joseph Adams, Esquire, Two hundred and forty one 241
" Jonas Sibley, Esquire, Two hundred and forty one 241
" Edmund Cushing, Esquire, Two hundred and forty one 241
" Zadock Gates, Esquire, Two hundred and forty one 241

" Hon. Oliver Crosby, One hundred and ninety 190
" Hon. Daniel Waldo, One hundred & eighty five 185
" Hon. Thomas H. Blood, One hundred & eighty nine 189
" Gen. James Humphreys, One hundred & eighty seven 187
" Hon. Joseph Allen, One 1
" Hon. Silas Holman, One 1

A true Entry, Attest Levi Heywood, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town affairs, at the South Meeting House in said town, on the seventh day of April A. D. 1817, agreeably to the foregoing warrant—

Art. 1st. Chose Abraham Lincoln, Esquire, Moderator.

Art. 2d. This article being under consideration, on motion made and seconded, it was voted, to refer the subject matter thereof to a Committe consisting of five persons, with full power to finally adjust the claim of Isaiah Thomas, Esquire, refered to in said article; and William Chamberlain, John Totman, John Gleason, Nathan White and Amherst Eaton, were chosen on said Committee.[1]

Art. 3. Voted to refer this article[2] to the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, with directions to obtain what support they can from the Parent and Grand Parent for the poor persons mentioned in said article.

A motion was then made to dissolve this meeting and being seconded, passed in the affirmative, and the meeting was accordingly dissolved.

A True Entry. Attest, Levi Heywood, Town Clerk.

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[1] ARTICLE 2:—"To see if the said Town will agree to the proposals of Isaiah Thomas, Esquire, respecting the demand he claims and makes agt. the town aforesaid, by submitting the same to three, or five, of the Inhabitants of the same Town, giving them full power to hear, examine & finally determine same between said Thomas and the Town aforesaid."

[2] ARTICLE 3:—"To see if the Town aforesaid will advise, or give directions to the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, respecting supporting James Gleson's wife and four of his children, and also a daughter of Mr. David Hearsey; more particularly, as it respects demanding the support from the Parents and Grand Parents of the same."

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court, holden at the South Meeting House in said Worcester, on Monday the fifth day of May A. D. 1817, agreeably to the foregoing warrant.

A motion to send three Representatives, being made and seconded, passed in the affirmative.

Votes for three persons to represent the Inhabitants of said town in the General Court the ensuing year, were then called for, brought in, sorted and counted, and were as follows, viz.

For Abraham Lincoln, Esquire,	One hundred and eighty seven	187
" Levi Lincoln Junr. Esquire,	One hundred and eighty five	185
" Edward D. Bangs, Esquire	One hundred and eighty six	186
" Levi Heywood	Two	2
" Amherst Eaton	Two	2
" William Eaton	One	1

Whereupon Abraham Lincoln, Levi Lincoln, Junr. and Edward D. Bangs were declared duly elected.

A True Entry. Attest, Levi Heywood, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote in town affairs, and for the choice of town officers, holden at the South Meeting House in said Worcester, on Monday the fifth day of May A. D. 1817, by adjournment from the third day of March last, being the adjournment of the annual March Meeting.

The Committee to whom was refered the article relative to a compensation to the Chairman of the Selectmen, made a report which was accepted, and is in the following words, viz.

"The Committee to whom was refered the subject of compensating the Chairman of the Selectmen for his services beg leave to report—That upon a full investigation of the subject, your Committee are of opinion that the article be dismissed."

Samuel Flagg, Junr. Pr. Order.

Article 8th The Selectmen made a report of the situation of the Town Bonds, which was accepted and is in the words and figures following, viz.

The Selectmen's Report of the Town Bonds May 5th. A. D.

Names of Obligors including their sureties	Amount of each Bond Dollars Cents	The Date of each Bond
Samuel Flagg	Lease	
Daniel Denney Prin. Ephrm. Mower & David Richards Sur	142 —	Oct. 1. 1808
Saml. Taylor, Prin. Wm. Eaton & Stephen Goddard, Surts	230	Do.
John Jones, Prin. Simeon Gates & Wm. Paine Sureties	141	Decr. 1, 1816
Reuben Gleason, Prin. John Gleason & Amos Flagg Sureties	161 58	Do.
William Gates, Prin. Wm. Eaton & Joel Gates, Sureties	51 86	Decr. 1, 1812
Amherst Eaton, Prin. Wm. Eaton & Saml. Curtis, Sureties	115 18	Decr. 1, 1809
Moses N. Child Prin. Wm. Moore & Paul Shepherd, Sureties	230 —	Decr. 1, 1809
Samuel Stowell, Prin. Amherst Eaton & Wm. Eaton, Sureties	133 87	Decr. 1, 1815
Thomas Chamberlain, Prin. Wm. Chamberlain & David Curtis Sureties	336 66	Decr. 1, 1811
Rufus Paine, Prin. Nathl. Paine & David Richards Sur	103 —	Feb. 3. 1811
William Coes, Prin. Thaddeus Chapin, Surety	125 —	Decr. 1. 1812
Daniel G. Wheeler, Prin. Theoph. Wheeler & David Andrews, Sur	110 —	Decr. 1, 1804
Stephen Goddard, Prin. Benja. Goddard & Phinehas Maynard, Sureties	408 62	Decr. 1, 1815

eighteen hundred & seventeen.

The time that interest is paid to on each Bond	Sum of Interest rec'd since last settlement Dollars Cents	What interest remains due up to Dec. 1, 1817	Memorandum
April 1. 1805	20 —	Nothing	
Decr. 1st. 1816	8 52	———	
Do	13 80		
Do	8 46		
Do	9 70		
Do	3 11		
Do	6 91		
Do	13 80		
Do	16 10	two years Interest	exchanged for Eben^{r}. Stowells
Do	20 —		
Do	6 18		
Do	7 50		
Decr. 1. 1816	6 60		
Do	49 04	2 years Interest	Exchanged for David Curtis Bond

Willard Moore, Prin. Wm. Moore & Wm. Chamberlain Sureties	75 85	Decr. 1, 1809
Abraham Lincoln, Prin. John Gleason & Ephm. Moore Sureties	408 11	Decr. 1, 1816
Nathaniel Stowell, Prin. Thos. Rice & Paul Gates Sureties	86 67	Decr. 1, 1805
Jedediah Healy, Prin. Jacob Miller & Peter Stowell, Sur.	69 33	March 17, 1797
Ephraim Mower, Prin. John Gleason & Thos. G. Mower, Sureties	292 56	Decr. 1, 1812
Rufus Porter, Prin. Joel Gates & Lewis Bigelow Surt.	300 75	Decr. 1, 1811
Benja. Butman & Levi Rice Pra. Wm. Eaton & David Curtis Surt.	175	Decr. 1, 1808
Benjamin Chapin, Prin. Timothy Bancroft Sur	125	Decr. 1, 1812
Nathan White, Prin. Ephm. Mower & Israel Whitney Sureties	133 33	Decr. 1 1815
Levi Lincoln, Prin. Levi Lincoln Jr. & D. W. Lincoln Sureties	449 44	Decr. 1, 1805
Joel Putnam & Martha Putnam Prin. David Curtis & Wm. E. Green Sureties	78 67	May 9, 1811
Silas Bigelow, Prin. Geo. Moore & Luther Rice Sureties	119 44	Decr. 1, 1811
William Chamberlain, Prin. Peter Slater & Willard Moore Sureties	246 67	Decr. 1, 1813
Cornelius Stowell, Prin Abel Stowell & Thos. Johnson Sureties	35 —	Decr. 1, 1815
Edward Randall, Prin. Luke Randall & John Flagg Sur	633 16	Decr. 1, 1816
Abel Stowell, Prin. Thos. Rice & Wm. Goulding Sureties	89 10	Decr. 1, 1808
	5,616 85	

Do	4 55	
Do	24 09 & 20 22	This includes Lincolns old Bond Aaron Curtis & Wm. Goulding's Interest upon Interest Wm. Goulding's former Bond.
Do	5 20	
Do	4 16	
Do	35 12	Two years.
Do	18 05	
Do	21 —	Two years
Do	7 50	
Do	8 —	
Do	26 97	
Do	4 72	
Do	7 17	
Do	29 60	Two years
Do	4 20	Two years
Do	37 99	On the former Bonds
Do	31 20	5 years Int upon Interest.
	479 40	

Worcester, May 5, 1817 Abraham Lincoln, Per order of the Board of Selectmen.

Worcester May 5, 1817. I hereby certify that I have received into the Town Treasury, the sum of four hundred and seventy nine dollars & forty six cents of the Selectmen, agreeable to the foregoing statement. James Wilson, Treasurer.

A true Copy, Attest. Levi Heywood, Town Clerk

The Committee appointed to settle with [the] Town Treasurer, made a report which was accepted and [is] as follows, viz.

The Town of Worcester in acc^{t}. current with James Wilson Treasurer for the year 1816, D^{r}.

1816	To payment of the following orders			
No. 1	Lincoln and Fearing's order	82	51	
2	Nathan White	5	50	
3	Abraham Lincoln Esqr.	6	50	
4	Elisha Ward	55	75	
5	Abraham Lincoln Esqr.	28	—	
6	William Chamberlain	9	37	
7	Henry Heywood	26		
8	Nathan White	45	71	
9	Simeon S. Coes	39		
10	Abraham Lincoln Esqr.	13	50	
11	Ephraim Mower	14		
				325 84
12	Benjamin Chapin	398	13	
13	Thomas Nichols	19		
14	Reuben Gleason	16		
15	William Rice	15		
16	Abraham Lincoln	8	50	
17	Arthur Adlington	40		
18	John Curtis	71	24	
19	Austin Hearsy	60		
20	Dr. Benjamin Chapin	3	50	
21	Dr. John Green	11	76	
22	Robert Blair	15		
				658 13

23	John Gleason	65		
24	Thomas Nichols	22	24	
25	Benjamin Thaxter	39	89	
26	Ebenezer Barber	161	20	
27	Francis Grout	104	39	
28	Francis Harrington	59	42	
29	Oliver Wight	28		
30	Daniel Chadwick	59	28	
31	Amos Whitney	57	27	
32	Nathaniel Stowell	16		
				612 69
33	Paul Willard	60		
34	Nathaniel Green, Junr.	60		
35	Jonathan Knight	5	50	
36	Henry Rogers	4		
37	Samuel Watson 2nd	8	29	
38	Benjamin Thaxter	4		
39	Benjamin Thaxter	28		
40	Moses Clements	122	93	
41	Joseph Lovell	17	71	
42	Ebenezer Williams	97	80	
				408 23
43	Austin Denney	60		
44	John Gleason	12	92	
45	Abraham Lincoln Esqr.	20		
46	Amos Flagg	72	80	
47	Abraham Lincoln	9	99	
48	Thomas Rice	21	84	
49	Luther Burnett	8	37	
50	James McFarland	28		
51	Ebenezer Whitney	28	17	
52	Thomas Chamberlain	72	80	
53	Nathaniel Curtis	72	45	
				407 34
54	Jedediah Healy	21	75	
55	John McDollen	10		
56	Clark Johnson	144	91	
57	Earle & Williams	7	50	

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58	Abraham Lincoln	275		
59	Amos Wheeler	1	40	
60	Reuben Gleason	19	77	
61	Samuel Graves	4		
62	William Gates	52		
63	Archelaus Finemer	46	49	
64	Moses N. Child	38	48	
65	Simeon Duncan	30		
				651 30
66	Dr. Benjamin Chapin	10		
67	Joseph Daniels	2	20	
68	John Hamilton	78		
69	Clark Johnson	5	50	
1817				
Jany 9				
70	William Stowell	16	36	
71	Simeon S. Coes	24		
72	Ebenezer Whitney	81	67	
13				
73	William Goss	102	78	
74	Hon. Francis Blake	145	36	
75	Nathan Waite Junr.	135		
76	Green & Heywood	74	21	
				675 08
77	Ebenezer Mower	338		
78	Jedediah Healy	12	25	
79	Peter Rich	9		
80	Lemuel Smith	20		
81	Nathaniel Green	60		
82	John Gleason	100		
83	Heman M. Burr	5	47	
84	Walter Bigelow	67	50	
85	Francis Grout	26	90	
86	Nathan White	26	20	
87	Samuel Harrington Junr.	12	09	
88	Nathan Sever	17	34	
				694 75

89	Daniel Chadwick	59 28		
90	Samuel Gates 2d	59 28		
91.	Benjamin Chapin	15 50		
92	Clark Willington	33		
93	Thomas Chamberlain	98 80		
94	William Morris	534 38		
			800	24
95	Otis Corbett	411 21		
96	Nathaniel Harrington	52 —		
97	Ebenezer Barber	49 40		
98	John Gleason 2d	79 06		
			591	67
99	Widow Sarah Flagg	72 80		
100	Levi Lincoln Junr. Esqr.	249 19		
101	Daniel Goulding	7 50		
102	John Gleason	69 —		
103	John Curtis	29 11		
104	Samuel Harrington, Junr.	55 99		
105	William Willington	2 —		
106	Elisha Ward	32 57		
107	William E. Green	1 75		
108	Moses N. Child	38 48		
			558	39
109	John & Abel Flagg	51 07		
110	Lincoln & Fearing	41 71		
111	Simeon Duncan Jr.	2 —		
112	Jonathan Gleason Junr.	36 40		
113	Henry Rogers	3 50		
114	George Moore	98 94		
115	Tyler Willington	59 50		
116	Jonas Johnson	142 66		
117	Nathan Heard Junr.	793 76		
118	John Coolidge	9 17		
			1238	71
119	Dea. Moses Perry	35 50		
120	Moses Perry	26 90		
121	Baxter Perry	60 00		
122	Stephen Salisbury	45 —		

123	Alpheus Eaton, Junr.	30	—	
124	Mathew Gray	35	50	
125	Mathew Gray	49	09	
126	Thomas Atwood	5	—	
127	Joseph Daniels	40	65	
	Treasurer's commissions for his services past year	20		347 64
				7970 01
	Amount of taxes in the hand of Alpheus Merrifield, Collector of taxes for 1811 & 1812 uncollected	319	31	
	Amount of taxes in the hand of John Flagg Collector of taxes for 1814 uncollected	383	37	
	Amount of taxes in the hands of John Gleason 2d Collector of taxes for 1816 uncollected	1462	10	
	Amount of Cash in the Treasuary this day unpaid out	1192	05	
	This debit charged to Treasurer in a subsequent account	$3356	83	3356 83
				11326 84

The Town of Worcester in account current with James Wilson, Treasurer of said Town for the year 1816. Cr.

1816			
March 6	By balance of taxes in the hands of Alpheus Merrifield Collector of taxes for the years 1811 & 1812 $319,,31; also the balance of taxes in the hands of John Flagg Collector for the year 1814 $383,,37; also the balance in the hands of John Gleason 2d, the present collector for the year 1815 $3488,,19; also cash remaining in the Treasury this day $169,,78 in the whole amounting to $4360,,65 agreeable to the Town's Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer		4360 65
	By amount received of the Selectmen, Interest on Town Bonds and money received of the Commonwealth for the support of state paupers, as by their acct. stated with the Town		758 37

Octr. 22d	By Assessors Certificate of Taxes for the present year committed to John Gleason 2d Collector & charged by me to him	6193	82
1816			
May 4	By cash of Otis McLane, on the Militia Law for his exemption	2	
"	cash of Luther Goulding on the Militia Law for his exemption	2	
"	cash of Thos. Barber on the Militia Law for his exemption	2	
6 "	cash of Benj^{a}. F. Heywood on the Militia Law for his exemption	2	
"	cash of Geo. A. Trumbull on the Militia Law for his exemption	2	
"	cash of Amos Howard, on the Militia Law for his exemption	2	
"	cash of Samuel Thing on the Militia Law for his exemption	2	
	Dollars	11.326	84

Worcester May 5th. 1817. The Committee appointed to settle the accounts of the Treasurer with the Town for the year past, have attended to that service now report, That the Treasurer has exhibited his accounts to the 28th day of April last, and has charged himself with the sum of Four Thousand three hundred & sixty dollars and sixty five cents, being the balance of his former account, and has also charged himself with the amount received of the Selectmen for Interest on the Town Bonds and for the amount received of the Commonwealth for the support of state paupers, the sum of seven hundred and fifty eight dollars and thirty seven cents; also with the amount of the Assessors' certificate of Taxes for 1816, committed to John Gleason 2d. Collector for said year, amounting to Six Thousand one hundred ninety three dollars & eighty two cents, also a further sum of fourteen dollars, received from persons conditionally exempted from militia duty amounting in the whole to the sum of *Eleven* [thousand] *three* hundred & twenty six dollars & eighty four cents—That the said Treasurer has charged the Town with

the payment of orders to the amount of Seven Thousand nine hundred & seventy dollars & one cent including twenty dollars for his commissions, said orders drawn on said Treasurer by the Selectmen for the year past, leaving a ballance due from the Treasurer to said Town, the sum of Three Thousand and three hundred & fifty six dollars & eighty three cents, to be by the Treasurer accredited to the Town in a future account. For all which charges made by the Treasurer against the Town sufficient vouchers were produced—

All which is Submitted

Abraham Lincoln
Levi Heywood
Levi Lincoln, Jr. } Committee

The Committee of Estimates made the following report, viz.

The Committee appointed to make an Estimate of such sums of money as will be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town the current year, have attended to the subject, and now Report—

To enable the Selectmen and overseers of the poor to fulfil their contracts and engagements for the support of the Poor of the Town, it will be necessary to raise the sum of $2.000

To repair Bridges, over and above the highway taxes	150
For contingent Expenses, Powder, &c.	200
Collectors Commissions, Assessors pay Treasurer's pay and abatement of taxes	350
	2700
From which deduct interest on the town bonds & Ground Rent	350
	$2350

This last sum of Two thousand, three hundred and fifty dollars to be raised by a town tax, and to be assessed upon the Polls and estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester

Levi Lincoln, Junr.
Edward D. Bangs
Levi Heywood.

Which report was read and accepted, and the sum therein recommended to be raised, was ordered to be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants, and to be appropriated for the purposes expressed in said report.

On motion made and seconded, it was voted to put up, at auction the collection of Taxes, to the lowest bidder, which was done, and the collection of taxes struck off to John Gleason 2d. *Two cents* and *seven mills* on the *Dollar*, he being the lowest bidder, and John Gleason 2d was accepted as Collector of taxes for the current year on condition of his giving bonds to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

It was voted to choose two Constables for the current year and thereupon

Sworn May 6th William Eaton and John Gleason 2d } were chosen Constables

The Committee to whom was refered the Article relative to the Publick Schools, which is on file, and concludes in the following words, viz.

"Your Committee therefore recommend—"

"That by a vote on the subject, the appropriation of money for "the support of schools be increased to 1700 Dollars. That the "Selectmen be authorized and directed to draw their order on "the Treasury for Four hundred Dollars of the aforementioned "sum for the support of the Grammer School in the Centre Dis-"trict; provided that by the aid & concurrence of that District, "and with that appropriation by the Town out of the School "money it can be there regularly supported through the year.

"That the residue of the money be divided as follows, two "hundred dollars, in equal proportions among the Eight out Dis-"tricts of the Town, to be added to their English School money, "as an equivalent the proportion of time heretofore of the Gram-"mar Scholl. And the balance as formerly amoung all the Dis-"tricts of the Town, according to the number of minors"

"All which is submitted by the unanimous opinion of the Com-"mittee & their order"

"Levi Lincoln, Junr. Chairman."

Which Report was read and accepted, and thereupon it was voted to raise the sum of Seventeen hundred Dollars for the support of the publick Schools, to be apportion'd among the Sèverall School Districts in the manner recommend[ed] in said report.

At his own request, Capt. Eli Chapin was excused from serving as highway surveyor and

Sworn May 28th. Israel Whitney was chosen in his room.

On motion made and seconded, the choice of Tythingmen was postponed.

A motion to dissolve this meeting was then made, seconded and passed in the affirmative, and the meeting was accordingly dissolved.

A true Entry, Attest, Levi Heywood, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in town affairs, holden at the South Meeting House in said Worcester, on Monday the Seventeenth day of November, A. D. 1817.

Art. 1. Chose Abraham Lincoln, Esquire, Moderator.

Art. 2. Voted to chose Committee to examine and allow accounts, and then chose the Selectmen for said Committee.

Art. 4th was postponed until the adjournment.

Art. 5th was postponed until the adjournment.

Art. 6th was also postponed until the adjournment.

On motion made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday the 27th day of November Inst. at two of the Clock, P. M. and the meeting was accordingly adjourned to that time.

A True Entry. Attest, Levi Heywood, Town Clerk.

[In the warrant for the above meeting Article 3d was in relation to the manner in which the poor should be supported the year to follow.

Article 4 :—"To see if the Inhabitants will build a Poor House in said Town, and to adopt any measures therefor, either by selling some of the property belonging to them, or by raising money for the same by Tax, or otherwise, both or all, or in any other way the said Inhabitants shall think proper."

Article 5 :—"To see if said Inhabitants will oppose the laying out of a road by Mr. William Hovey's Factory to come out in Sutton road, near Mr. Elijah Burbank's and to appoint an Agent or Agents, therefor."

Article 6 :—"To see if the Town will sell or lease the Poor House & land, agreeable to the application of Wm. E. Green and others."]

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town affairs, holden at the South Meeting House in said Worcester, on Thursday the 27th day of November A. D. 1817, by adjournment from the seventeenth day of said November.

Art. 2d. The Committee appointed to examine and allow accounts exhibited against the Town of Worcester made a report which was read and accepted, and is in the words and figures following, viz.

"The Committee appointed by the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, at a legal meeting November Anno Domini 1817, to examine and allow demands that shall be exhibited agt. the said Town, Report that they have examined and allowed the following Demands, viz.

Henry Roger for printing Bye Law & C	$6 „ 25
Thomas Nichols, for boarding Peter Willard	10 „ 00
Lewis Bigelow for Labour done on Burbank's Bridge	6 „ 01
Elijah Rawson, for 4 cords of wood for Wid. Betsey Flagg	8 „ 00
John Brooks, for transporting James Gleason's wife and her children to Pennsylvania, to her husband	23 „ 00

Samuel Harrington for labour done on the Road	21 „ 00
Levi Heywood for recording Births and Deaths	4 „ 02
Abraham Lincoln for supplies made to the Poor &c	67 „ 37
John Flagg for supplies made to Asa Mixter	12 „ 52
George Lynde, balance for house rent & wood for Phillis Winslow	17 „ 16
Nathaniel Harrington for boarding & clothing Kaziah Morse one year & nursing	68 „ 00
Luke Randall for boarding, Cloathing, Ebenezer Flagg, John Lawrence, Mary Taylor, George Taylor & Wm. & John Taylor, one year on contract, including nursing	266 „ 88
Ephraim Mower for supplies made to the poor as per his acct.	9 „ 13
Wm. Eaton Jr. for boarding and clothing Anna White one year on contract ending Dec. 1, 1817	52 „ 00
Samuel Stowell, boarding and clothing Thos. Gleason on contract ending Dec. 1, 1817.	82 „ 16
Samuel Gates 2d boarding and clothing Henry Broatz one year ending Decr. 1, 1817	58 „ 76
Reuben Gleason, boarding and cloathing Prudence Gleason one year on contract ending Decr. 1, 1817	72 „ 80
Daniel Chadwick for boarding & clothing John Gay ohe year on contract $59 „ 28 extra nursing $3 „ 00 ending Decr. 1, 1817	62 „ 28
Samuel Gould for boarding and clothing Johnson Taylor one year upon Contract ending Decr. 1, 1817	36 „ 40
Moses N Child for boarding and clothing Mary Paul one year on Contract ending Decem. 1, 1817	38 „ 40
Ebenezer Whitney for boarding nursing &c. Sarah Chadwick one year on contract ending Decr. 1, 1817	156 „ 00
Clark Willington for boarding and taking care of Agnes Brooks one year ending Decr. 1, 1817	87 „ 00

Archelaus Finemer for boarding clothing and nursing Rachel Hemenway, one year on contract ending Jan. 1, 1818	95 „ 34
Nathan Sever for boarding and clothing George Sherland one year on contract ending Decr.	21 „ 84
Messrs. Green and Heywood, for Doctoring the Poor of the town the last year up to Decr. 1, 1817 as per their acct.	112 „ 12
Rebecca Harry for boarding and nursing Ira Parks when sick 11 weeks, 7 weeks at $2 and 4 weeks at 50 cts	16 „ 00
Nathaniel Stowell, supplies made to the Poor, wood grain, &C and work done at Burbank's Bridge, as per his acct.	56 „ 11
Charles Stearns for milk &C supplies to James Gleason's family and entertainment to Willis	6 „ 54
David Richard, Pork & Butter deld. said Gleason	4 „ 72
Nathan White, going to Brookfield & bringing down Gleason's family and supplies made to the Poor as per his acct.	40 „ 61
	$1518 „ 50

"The foregoing demands your Committee report to be allowed "to each of the persons, the sums carried out agt. their names, "provided those upon contract are and shall be completely ful- "filled on the part of those who contracted to keep, board and "clothe them agreeable to the contracts made with the Select- "men, at the time of taking them"

All which is respectfully submitted

Abraham Lincoln
Nathan White
Nov. 27, 1817. Ephm Mower
Nathaniel Stowell
John Flagg

Art. 3 Voted, that the same way and manner be adopted for the support the Poor the current year, that was adopted the last year, the Selectmen being authorized by said vote, to make such contracts in relation to the support of the poor, as they may think proper.

Art. 4 Voted, that this article[1] be refered to a Committee to report thereon generally at the adjournment of this Meeting, and then the following persons were chosen for said Committee viz. Abraham Lincoln, Levi Lincoln, Jun. Samuel Flagg, Jun. William Chamberlain, Lewis Barnard, Robert Blair, and Rejoice Newton.

Art. 5 Chose Levi Lincoln, Jun. an Agent to oppose the laying out of a road, mentioned in the fifth Article.[2]

Art. 6. This Article[3] was refered to the same Committee, to whom the fifth was refered.

Voted to adjourn this meeting 'till the first Monday in January next.

Attest, Levi Heywood, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs, holden (by adjournment) at the South Meeting House in said Town, on Monday the 5th day of January, A. D. 1818.

The Committee to whom was refered the fourth and sixth articles, made the following report, viz.

"The Committee to whom the fourth article in the warrant for Town Meeting, held on the seventeenth day of November last, which was "To see if the Inhabitants will build a poorhouse in said town, and to adopt any measures therefor, either by selling some of the property belonging to them or by raising money for the same by tax or otherwise, both or all, or in any other way the said Inhabitants shall think proper"—Report

That the number of poor, who at present receive the whole or a part of their support from the Inhabitants of the Town is forty two, & that the number is continually and rapidly increasing—Your Committee believe, that of this number, there are many who

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[1] ARTICLE 4:—In relation to building a poor-house.

[2] ARTICLE 5—See page 29.

[3] ARTICLE 6—See page 29.

might furnish a considerable part of the means of their own support, if they were properly directed, and provided with suitable employment—

The expenses to the town, of supporting their poor, during the last year will amount to something over two thousand dollars being about two hundred dollars more than those of the year preceding—The expenses during a few of the last years, have increased in an alarming degree, & unless some course is taken to check them, they will soon become extremely burthensome to the town—

Your Committee believe, that if all the poor of the town were collected into one establishment, the expenses of their support would soon become much reduced—that all the means of a comfortable subsistence might be provided for them collectively, at a much less rate, than in their present scattered situation & according to the present system of supporting them—that there would always be well ones enough among them to nurse and take care of the sick & that the large bills for nursing, to which the town is now subjected would thereby be avoided—that the bills of Physicians, which are now charged for riding into every quarter of the town to visit one patient in a place, would probably be reduced to less than one half of their present amount—that constant employment & regular living would render the poor of the town much more comfortable than they can be under their present regulations & tend to divert them from one half of the miseries to which a life of idleness and irregularity leaves them exposed, and that an establishment of this kind would do much honour to Inhabitants of the town.

Your Committee therefore advise, as the most eligible mode of effecting these objects, that the Inhabitants of the town purchase a farm, with suitable buildings thereon, which will be sufficient to provide employment for those of the poor who are able to labor & which will produce a considerable portion of the means of their subsistance—

Several farms have been offered to the consideration of the Committee, & among them one belonging to Samuel Harrington Jun. for the sum of three thousand six hundred Dollars—one be-

longing to Edward Knight for the sum of four thousand three hundred Dollars, & one belonging to the Widow Rebeckah Jennison for six thousand Dollars; the latter of which they would recommend to the town, provided the same can be purchased for the sum of five thousand five hundred Dollars, & a suitable delay of payment of the purchase money can be had—This place combines more of the qualities requisite for the object, for which the town wish to purchase, than any other which has been offered them—The buildings on it are such, that with some trifling repairs the establishment might be completed & carried into full opperation early in the spring—Objections may be made by some to the investment of so large a sum of money, for the purpose of trying an experiment which they are not satisfied will succeed. But the Committee from the success of similar plans, in many towns within this Commonwealth, are convinced, that within a very few years, the whole of the original expense will be saved—

They believe also that it will be economical to purchase a farm that will supply a great part of the produce necessary for the support of the poor—they are also satisfied that it will be much less expensive to purchase buildings than to erect them—

The Committee recommend that for the purpose of defraying some part of the expense for purchasing a place for the poor, the Inhabitants shall sell for so much as the same will bring, the house and land which was conveyed to them by the late Phillip Donahue—Also the house and land now occupied by Jonas Brooks—also the house & land where Betsey Denney now lives—

Worcester Jan. 5. 1818 } All which is respectfully submitted,

Abraham Lincoln
Samuel Flagg Junr.
Wm. Chamberlain
Lewis Barnard
Rejoice Newton
Robert Blair
Levi Lincoln, Jr.
} Committee.

The foregoing report, having been read and considered, was accepted, and the Committee to whom the subject was refered were authorised, by a vote of the Inhabitants, to purchase, in be-

half of the town, the Estate by them recommended; and to pledge the interests of the town for the payment of the purchase money, on such conditions, as they may deem expedient for the town.

The same Committee were also authorised by a vote of the Inhabitants to sell the estates by them in their report, recommended for sale; and, if necessary, to apply to the Legislature for leave for that purpose—

On motion made and seconded, the meeting was dissolved.

A true Entry. Attest, Levi Heywood, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town affairs, in the choice of Town Officers, and for a County Treasurer, holden at the South Meeting House in said Town, on Monday the second day of March, A. D. 1818, agreeably to the foregoing warrant therefor—

The Meeting having been opened by the Town Clerk, votes for a Moderator were called for, brought in, sorted and counted, and were all, except one, for Abraham Lincoln, Esquire, who was declared Moderator.

Levi Heywood was chosen Town Clerk, and sworn by the Moderator as per certificate on file.

On motion made and seconded, it was voted to choose five Selectmen for the current year, and that they be the Overseers of the Poor; and then Abraham Lincoln Nathan White Nathaniel Stowell John Flagg, and Peter Slater were chosen Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor for the current year; and were sworn on the same day agreeably to law by the Town Clerk.

Abraham Lincoln, Reuben Gleason and Jonathan Harrington were chosen Assessors, and sworn into office agreeably to law by the Town Clerk, on the day that they were chosen.

Chose James Wilson, Esquire, Town Treasurer, Sworn May 30, 1818

Abraham Lincoln Levi Lincoln, Junr. Ephraim Mower Committee of Estimates.

Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in, and counted, and were as follows, viz

For Samuel Allen, Esqr. Sixty one votes

Voted to postpone the choice of Constables until the adjournment.

Chose Reuben Munroe & Sewall Hamilton Clerks of the Market.

Chose Capt. Daniel Goulding, Poundkeeper

Levi Lincoln, Junr.	}	Fire Wards	{ William Eaton
Samuel Hathaway			Abraham Lincoln &
Samuel Flagg Jun.	}		{ Silas Brooks

Voted to postpone the choice of Tythingmen.

Chose	Peter Slater	}
Sworn March 28th.	Thomas Howe	} Sealers of Leather.

Simeon Duncan Paul Shepherd Cullers of Hoops & Staves.

Samuel Warden Lewis Bigelow Surveyors of Boards and Shingles.

Sworn March 10, 1818.	Amos Whitney	
Sworn March 2, 1818.	Luke Randall	}
Sworn March 2, 1818	Elisha Smith	} Fence Viewers.
	Thomas Sutton	}
Sworn March 6, 1818	Eben^{r}. Wiswell	}
	Joseph Goddard	}
	Ebenezer Harrington	}
Sworn March 10, 1818	Amos Whitney	}
	Francis Grout	}
Sworn June 22 1818	Mathew Gray	} Field Drivers
Sworn March 4, 1818	Clark Willington	}
Sworn March 26, 1818	Nathaniel Gates	}
	Israel Whitney	}
	Bailey Clements	}
Chose	Charles Wheeler	}
Sworn March 8th	Wm. Harrington	} Measurers of Wood

Sworn, March 2d	Henry Rogers	Hog-Reeves.
	Elisha Flagg	
Sworn, March 2d	John Mower	
Sworn, March 2d	Caleb Tebbetts	
Sworn, March 2d	Samuel Thing	
	Rejoice Newton	
Sworn, March 2d	John Homer	
	William Barber	
Sworn, March 2d	Samuel Allen, Jr.	
	Samuel T. Read	
Sworn, March 2d	John Jones	
	Silas Bigelow	
	Asa Gates	
	Ezekiel Fowler	
	Sewell Stearns	
	Matthew Howard	
	Calvin Rand	
	Timothy Rice	
Sworn, March 6th	Asa Ward	
Sworn, March 2d	Cyrus Lovell	
	Eben^{r}. Harrington	
Sworn, March 2d	Jason Duncan	
Sworn, March 2d	Artemas Ward Junr.	

Voted, That the Constable, on the receipt of a venire for the draft of a Juror, or Jurors, shall give notice of the time and place for the qualified Inhabitants to assemble and be present at the draft of such Juror, or Jurors, by notifying a majority of the Selectmen and Town Clerk, and notice thus given, shall be sufficient.

Sworn March 4th.	William Hovey	Highway Surveyors.
Sworn May 30th.	Uriel Johnson	
Sworn April 19	Lewis Chapin	
Sworn May 21st.	Nathan[l]. Stowell	
Sworn March 2d.	Luke Randall	
	Ezekiel Partridge	
Sworn March 2d	Sam[l]. Harrington Jr.	
Sworn March 5th.	Alph[s]. Merrifield	
Sworn May 20th.	Eben[r]. Read Jr.	
	William Barber	
Sworn June 15, 1818	Eben[r]. Gates	
	Sewall Mower	
	Joseph Daniels	
	John Flagg	
	Daniel Totman	
	Wm. M[c]Farland	
Sworn May 14th	Levi Mower	
Sworn Mar. 24.	John Elder, Jr.,	
	Walter Bigelow	

Voted to raise Seventeen hundred dollars for the support of public schools—The said schools to be kept in the same way and manner as was adopted the last year.

Chose Henry Rogers	School Committee	Nathan Goldthwait
Jonathan Nelson		Elijah Burbank
John Jones		Samuel Gates 2d.
Ebenezer Read, Jr.		Paul Goodaile.
Samuel Sturtevant		

Voted to postpone the fourth Article[1] until the adjournment.

Voted, to postpone so much of the Sixth article as relates to the raising of money for the repair of the Roads and Bridges, until the adjournment.

Voted, To postpone the eighth article[2] until the adjournment.

Voted, That the Swine shall not go at large the current year.

Voted, To prohibet neat cattle, horses and mules from going at large within said Town the current year.

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[1] ARTICLE 4:—To raise money for the support of the poor.

[2] Report in relation to the town bonds.

Chose Levi Lincoln Jr. Esquire, Town Agent.

Voted, To refer the fourteenth article[1] to a Committee, to report a state of facts thereon at the adjournment, and then chose

Moses N. Child, Samuel Brazer and William Eaton, on said Committee

This Meeting, on motion made and seconded, was then adjourned to the first Monday of May next, at two of the clock in the afternoon.

A true Entry, Attest, Levi Heywood, Town Clerk.

In addition to the foregoing proceedings the following vote was passed and entered on the original minutes of said meeting, viz.

Chose Abraham Lincoln John Davis & Henry Rogers Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer

Attest Levi Heywood, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governour and Lieutenant Governour, holden the sixth day of April, being the first Monday in said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governour and Lieutenant Governour of said Commonwealth; The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed—and were for the following persons—

For Governour	Hon. Benjamin W. Crowningshield two hundred and five	205
	His Excellency John Brooks, one hundred and seventy four	174
For Lieutenant Governour	Hon. Thomas Kittredge, two hundred and five	205
	His Honour William Phillips, one hundred and seventy four	174

Attest Levi Heywood, Town Clerk.

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[1] ARTICLE 14:—"To see if the Town will allow a further compensation to Elisha Ward, for boarding and nursing Sarah Cook, in her last sickness, beyond what he has received from the State."

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Counsellors and Senators, holden on the sixth day of April, being the first Monday in said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors for the district of Worcester County.

The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution directed—and were for the following persons.

For Joseph Adams, Esqr. two hundred and five	205
Jonas Sibley, Esqr. two hundred and five	205
Edmund Cushing, Esqr. two hundred and five	205
Zadock Gates, Esqr. two hundred and five	205
For Hon Oliver Crosby, one hundred and seventy four	174
Hon Daniel Waldo, seventy seven	77
Hon James Humpreys, one hundred and seventy four	174
Gen. Stephen P. Gardner, one hundred and seventy two	172
Aaron Tufts, Esquire, eighty nine	89
Hon. Silas Holman, Four	4
Hon. Joseph Allen One	1
Hon. Nathaniel Paine One	1
Hon. Bezaleel Taft One	1

A true Entry Attest Levi Heywood, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, at the South Meeting House in said Town, on Monday the fourth day of May being the first Monday in said Month in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen

1. Voted to send one or more, representatives to the General Court the current year, and then on motion made and seconded, it was voted to send but one Representative.

2. Votes for one Representative to represent the Town in the General Court the present year were then called for, brought in and counted and were for Abraham Lincoln, Esquire, one hundred and thirty two—he having an *unanimous* vote—And the said Abraham Lincoln was duly elected to represent the town of Worcester in the General Court the current year.

A true entry. Attest, Levi Heywood, T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote in town affairs, holden at the South Meeting House in said town, on Monday the fourth day of May A. D. 1818, agreeably to the foregoing warrant.—

Art. 1. Chose Abraham Lincoln, Esquire, Moderator.

Art. 2. The Selectmen presented a List of Jurors as revised and corrected by them which was read and accepted after having stricken out the name of Gardner Burbank, Esquire, who was supposed to be excused from serving on the Jury in consequence of his having been admitted as an Attorney at Law.

A true entry. Attest. Levi Heywood, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town affairs, for the choice of Town officers, and for a County Treasurer, holden at the South Meeting House in said town, on the fourth day of May, A. D. 1818, by adjournment from the second day of March in the same year—

Abraham Lincoln Esquire, Moderator—

The Committee of Estimates made a report in the following words and figures, viz.

"The Committee appointed at the annual March meeting last, to make an Estimate of such sums of money as would be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the current year, have attended to the subject and now

Report, to enable the Selectmen to fullfil their contracts and engagements for the support of the Poor, purchasing stock and materials for the farm, supporting the family on said farm who *is* to carry on the same & to make the payments which are engaged to be made in part payment for said farm, together with the other necessary and contingent expenses arising annually in said town, it will be necessary to raise by tax on the polls & estates of the Inhabitants aforesaid the following sums, to wit,

For the supporting the poor	$2000,,—
for supporting the Roads & Bridges, over and above the Highway Taxes	200,,—
For to make payments within said year towards the payment of said farm which the town by their Committee have agreed to pay, and the interest arising on the purchase money for s[d]. farm	3800
To purchase stock for said farm and house hold & farming utensils, Grain & provisions for s[d]. place, paying the man for carrying on the same & making some repairs to the Buildings &c	800
	6800—0
For the Contingent expenses including *Lawsuits*, purchase of powder for the town stock, repairing Engine House, buying Buckets and other necessary expenses, &c	300—0
For the Collectors' commissions for collecting taxes, the assessors' pay the Treasur[ers] pay and the abatement of taxes	350—0
	7450—0
From which you may deduct the Interest on the town Bonds Ground rent, the debts due to the town for the Donnohue, Denny and poor house Lot, lately sold &c and other debts and money in the Treasurer	1400 —
Balance	$6050—0

to be raised by a tax, and to be assessed upon the polls and the estates of the Inhabitants of the town aforesaid

All which is respectfully submitted

Worcester May 4, 1818. Abraham Lincoln, Levi Lincoln, Ephm Mower } Committee

The foregoing report of the Committee of estimates having been read, was accepted, and the sum by them recommended to be raised was ordered by a vote, to be assessed upon the Polls and estates of the inhabitants of said Town, said sum being *Six thousand and fifty Dollars.*

Voted to raise the sum of Two Thousand Five hundred dollars for the repairs of the publick roads and Bridges in said Town the current year, and that the same method be adopted for repairing said roads and Bridges that was adopted last year.

On motion made and seconded William McFarland and Sewall Mower were excused from serving as Highway Surveyors the current year, and then chose William Chamberlain and Eben^{r}. Williams in their places.

Eben^{r}. Williams was sworn as Highway Surveyor by the Town Clerk, June 3, 1818.

Voted to put up the collection of Taxes for the current year to the lowest Bidder, and that he be the collector on his giving bonds for the faithfull discharge of his duty to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

The collection of taxes was then put up at auction, and John Gleason 2d being the lowest bidder, the collection of taxes for the current year was struck of to him at *one cent and two mills on the Dollar.*

Chose

Sworn by the Town Clerk Aug. 12, 1818.

Sworn by the Town Clerk Aug. 5, 1818 & William Eaton, John Gleason 2d } Constables.

Voted to postpone the choice of Tythingmen 'till the first Monday in March next

The Committee appointed to purchase the Jennison farm for the town made a report of their doings which was read and accepted, and is as follows, viz.

"The Committee appointed by the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester at a legal meeting on the fifth day of Jany last by an adjournment from the twenty seventh and seventeenth days of November last, authorizing said Committee to purchase certain real estate (called the Jennison farm) in behalf of said Town, and to pledge the interest of the town for the payment of the purchase money, on such conditions as said Committee should deem expedient—Report that in behalf of said Town in the name & for the use and benefit of the Town aforesaid your Committee have taken a Quitclaim Deed from Rebeccah Jenison, widow of Samuel Jennison late of said Worcester, deceased, administrator with Silas Brooks on s^{d}. Samuel's estate with the will annexed she being the residuary Legatee, Also a Quitclaim Deed from Nathl. Curtis—And your Committee for and in behalf of said Town agreed the debt due to the Hon. Daniel Waldo Esqr. the debt due to Kaziah Heywood, the debt due to the heirs of David Curtis and the debt due to the heirs of Henry Patch, Theophilus Wheeler & Joseph Patch, by purchasing an assignment of the mortgages from s^{d}. Waldo, Heywood, the heirs of s^{d}. Curtis & Patches & Wheeler which are on said place & for which the Town must make provisions to pay each of said Debts—And your Committee have for and in behalf of said Town given to Rebeccah Jenison an obligation engaging that the Town will pay her the sum of One thousand and eight hundred & fifty two dollars and eighty seven cents; all which the debts due on the mortgages aforesaid to be purchased by said town as aforesaid, and the obligation given to said Rebeccah Jenison, amounting to the sum of Five Thousand & five hundred dollars, the sum given for said farm—The mortgages agreed to be purchased or assignments thereof to said Town are as follows—viz.

Daniel Waldo, Esq—amounting to	$3087 —
Heirs of David Curtis "	191,,45
Keziah Heywood	138,,06

Henry Patch's heirs Theophilus Wheeler & Joseph Patch	230,,62
	$3647,,13
The obligation given Rebeccah Jennison 500 dollars to be paid April last & the residue by the first Jany next	1852 87
	$5500 00

$500 of the obligation given to Rebeccah Jennison has been paid by the Selectmen—The remainder of the purchase money given for said farm, being Five thousand dollars the Town *are* to make provisions for the payment as before particular stated.

All which is submitted

May 4th. 1818 Abraham Lincoln, Per order of s^{d}. Committee."

The Selectmen made a report of the situation of the Town Bonds, which was read and accepted, and is in the words and figures following, viz.

"Selectmen Report of the Town Bonds May the 4th.

The Dates of each Bond	The principal of each Bond Doll & Cents	By whom given principal and sureties
		Samuel Flagg—Lease
1808 October 1	$230,, 0	Saml. Taylor, Prin. Wm. Eaton & Stephen Goddard S.
1811 February 23	103,, 0	Rufus Paine, Prin. Nathl. & David Richard S.
1811 December 1	51,,86	William Gates Prin. William Eaton & Joel Gates S
1812 Decr. 1	161,,58	Reuben Gleason, Prin John Gleason & Amos Flagg S
1812 May 9	78,,67	Martha Putnam prin. Joel Putnam, David Curtis Wm E. Green S
1811 Decr. 1st.	336,,66	Thomas Chamberlain, Prin Wm. Chamberlain & David Curtis S
1808 Octob. 1	142,,00	Daniel Denney Prin. David Richards & Ephm. Mower S
1815 Decr. 1.	408,,62	Stephen Goddard, Prin Benja. Goddard & Phinehas Maynard S
1812 Decr. 1st.	125,, 0	William Coes, Prin. Thaddeus Chapin S.
1812 Decr. 1	125,, 0	Benjamin Chapin, Prin. Timothy Bancroft Surety
1816 Decr. 1	633,,16	Edward Randall prin Luke Randall & John Flagg S
1805 Decr. 1	86,,67	Nathaniel Stowell prin. Thomas Rice & Paul Gates S
1811 Decr. 1	119,,44	Silas Bigelow prin. George Moore & Luther Rice S.
1816 Decr. 1	418,,11	Abraham Lincoln, Prin. Ephm. Moore & John Gleason S.
1816 Decr. 1	141,,00	John Jones prin Simon Gates & Wm. Paine S.
1809 Decr. 1	115,,18	Amherst Eaton, Prin. Wm. Eaton & Saml. Curtis Jr. S.
1809 Decr. 1	230,, 0	Moses N. Child prin. Wm. Moore & Paul Shepherd S.

A. D. 1818.

The time to which the Interest is paid to	The amount of Interest paid since the last report on each Bond.	Interest now due on the Amount.
one year	20,, 0	
Decr. 1. 1817	13,,80	
Do.	6,,18	
Do.	3,,11	
Do.	9,,70	
Do.	4,,72	
Do.	20,,20	
Do.	8,,52	
Do.	24,,52	
Do.	7,,50	
Do.	7,,50	
Do.	37,,99	
Do	5,,20	
Do.	7,,17	
Do.	24,,09	
Do.	8,,46	
Do.	6,,91	
Do.	13,,80	

1815 Decr. 1	133. 87	Samuel Stowell, prin. Amherst Eaton & W^{m}. Eaton, S.
1814 Decr. 1	110,,00	Daniel G. Wheeler, Prin. Theoph. Wheeler & David Andrews S,
1809 Decr. 1	75,,83	Willard Moore, Prin W^{m}. Moore & W^{m}. Chamberlain S.
1797 Mar. 27	69,,33	Jedediah Healy prin Jacob Miller & Peter Stowell, S.
1811 Decr. 1	292,,56	Ephraim Mower, Prin. John Gleason & Thos. G. Mower S.
1815 Decr. 1	133,,33	Nathan White, Prin. Israel Whitney & Eph^{m}. Mower S.
1811 Decr. 1	300,,75	Rufus Porter prin Joel Gates & Lewis Bigelow S
1805 Decr. 9	449,,44	Levi Lincoln prin. Levi Lincoln Jr. & Dan. W. Lincoln S
1813 Decr. 1	246,,67	William Chamberlain prin Peter Slater & Willard Moore S.
1815 Decr. 1	35,,00	Cornelius Stowell prin. Abel Stowell & Thos. Johnson S.
1808 Decr. 1	89,,10	Abel Stowell prin. Wm. Goulding & Thomas Rice S
1808 Decr. 1	175,,00	Levi Rice prin. Benj^{a}. Butman, Wm. Eaton and David Curtis sureties
	$5616,,83	Sum total principal

Do.	8,,05
Do.	6,,60
Do.	4,,55
Do.	4,,16
Do.	17,,56
Do.	8,,00
Do.	18,,05
Do.	26,,97
Do.	14,,80
Do.	2,,10
Do.	5,,34
Do.	10,,50
	$356,,05

Abraham Lincoln
Nathan White
Nathaniel Stowell
John Flagg
Peter Slater
} Selectmen of Worcester

May 4th 1818 Recd. of the Selectmen of Worcester the sum of three hundred and fifty six dollars & five cents in full for the interest and Ground rent as stated in the foregoing report

James Wilson Town Treasurer

The Committee appointed to settle with the Town Treasurer, made a report which [was] read and accepted, and is in the words and figures following, viz.

Dr. The Town of Worcester in acc^{t}. current with James Wilson Treasurer of said Town for the year, 1817.

1817 April 26			
No. 1	Phineas Maynard	16 „ 69	
2	Samuel Stowell	82 „ —	
3	Thomas Nichols	100 „ 26	
4	Ebenezer Wiswell	121 „ 18	
5	John Gleason	9 „ 27	
6	Stearns & Maynard	3 „ 40	
7	Charles Stearns	2 „ 91	
8	Doct. Silas Wheelock	19 „ 19	
9	Ephraim Mower	13 „ 65	
10	Polly & Sally Kennady	72 „ —	
11	Ebenezer D. Washburn	120 „ —	
12	William Harrington	18 „ —	
13	William Drury	27 „ 20	
14	Abraham Lincoln Esqr.	30 „ —	
15	Green & Heywood	5 „ 51	
16	Abraham Lincoln Esqr.	10 „ 38	
17	Abraham Lincoln Esqr.	4 „ —	
		———	651 „ 64
18	Horatio G. Henshaw	3 „ 39	
19	Capt. Reuben Munroe	1 „ 25	
20	Lemuel Smith D.	30 „ —	
21	David Lovell	29 „ 50	
		———	68 „ 14
22	Archelus Finnemar	57 „ 46	
23	The Assessors	60 „ —	
24	William Gates	52 „ —	
25	Amherst Eaton	— „ 92	
26	Elisha Ward	49 „ —	
27	James McFarland	16 „ —	

28	Thomas Nichols	2 „ —	
29	Silas Wheelock	3 „ 09	
June 9			
30	Green & Heywood	9 „ 27	
31	John Flagg	83 „ 88	
			333 „ 62
32	John Flagg	46 „ 34	
33	John Flagg	30 „ 74	
34	Cornelius Stowell	8 „ 50	
35	John Gleason 2d	46 „ 40	
36	Thomas & John Sutton	10 „ 73	
37	The Inhabitants of North Brookfield	106 „ 39	
1818			
Jan. 7			
38	Abraham Lincoln, Esqr. Reuben Gleason & Jonathan Harrington assessors for 1817	60 „ 00	
39	Archelus Finnemar	95 „ 34	
40	Jedediah Healy	23 „ 93	
41	Levi Heywood, Esqr.	4 „ 02	
			432 „ 39
Jan. 15			
42	William Coes, English School Com : man	406 „ 57	
43	Ebenezer Whitney	131 „ —	
44	John Ranks	152 „ 49	
45	Clark Willington	84 „ 86	
46	John Elder, Jr.	134 „ 61	
47	Abraham Lincoln, Esqr.	18 „ —	
April 28			
48	Luke Randall	266 „ 88	
49	David Richards	4 „ 72	
50	Artemas Ward	12 „ 50	
51	Clark Willington	87 „ —	
52	Nathan White	160 „ 27	
53	Nathan White	40 „ 61	
			1499 „ 51

54	Charles Stearns	6 „ 54	
55	Lewis Bigelow	6 „ 01	
56	Nathan Heard Junr.	986 „ 63	
57	Benjamin Thaxter	66 „ 20	
58	Reuben Gleason	121 „ 40	
59	Daniel Chadwick	42 „ 28	
60	Lewis Barnard	98 „ 07	
61	Henry Rogers	6 „ 25	
62	Green & Heywood	112 „ 12	
63	Rebecca Harry	16 „ —	
64	Samuel Stowell	82 „ 16	
65	Samuel Harrington	21 „	
			1564 „ 66
66	John Gleason 2d	75 „ 53	
67	William Eaton, Junr.	52 „ —	
68	Nathaniel Stowell	56 „ 11	
69	Peter Slater	4 „ —	
70	Robert Blair	9 „ 57	
71	Ephraim Mower	5 „ 48	
72	Samuel Gates 2^{d}	58 „ 76	
73	Reuben Gleason	72 „ 80	
74	John Brooks	23 „ —	
75	Nathaniel Harrington	68 „ —	
76	Benjamin Child	25 „ —	
77	Nathaniel Stowell	10 „ 40	
			460 „ 65
	Treasurer's Commiss. for his services the past year		20 „ —
			5030 „ 61

1818
April 30

Amount of taxes in the hands of Alpheus Merrifield Collector of taxes for 1811 & 1812 uncollected	219 „ 31
Amount of taxes in the hands of John Flagg Collector of taxes for 1814 uncollected	158 „ 24

Amount of taxes in the hands of John Gleason Collector of taxes for 1816 & 1817 uncollected	2269 „ 03	
Amount of Cash in the Treasury this day unpaid out	1149 „ 41	
This debit charged to the Treasurer in his subsequent account	$3795 „ 99	3795 „ 99
		8826 „ 60

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1817 April 28 By balance of taxes in the hands of Alpheus Merrifield for the years 1811 & 12 $319„31 Also the balance of Taxes in the hands of John Flagg Collector for the year 1814 $383„37 Also the balance of taxes in the hands of John Gleason 2d the present Collector the year 1816 $1462„10 Also Cash remaining in the Treasury this day $1192„05 in the whole amounting to $3356„83 agreeable to the report of the Towns Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer	3356 „ 83
May 5 By amount received of the Selectmen, Interest on Town Bonds, & money received of the Commonwealth for State paupers, as by their acct. stated with the Town	1107 „ 86
Novr. 18 By Assessors Certificate of taxes for the present year, committed to John Gleason 2d. Collector & charged by me to him	4144 „ 22
1818 January 12 By amount received of the Selectmen for poor debtors	205 „ 69
1817 April 25 By cash of Reuben Wheeler on the Malitia law for his exemption	2
May 6 Cash of Daniel Smith on the Militia law for his exemption	2

Cash of Geo. A. Trumbull on the Militia law for his exemption	2
Cash of Amos Howard on the Militia law for his exemption	2
Cash of Sam[l]. Gates 2[d] on the Militia law for his exemption	2
Cash of Otis M[c]Lane, on the Militia law for his exemption	2
Dollars	8826 ,, 60

Worcester May 4th. 1818. The Committee appointed to settle the account with the Town Treasurer with the Town for the year past, having attended to that service,

Report—That the Treasurer has exhibited his account to the thirtieth day of April last, and has charged himself as Treasurer with the sum of Three Thousand three hundred & fifty six dollars and eighty three cents then in the hands of Collectors & money in the Treasury being the balance of his former account, that he has charged himself as Treasurer with the sum of One thousand three hundred & thirteen dollars and fifty five cents received of the Selectmen for the Interest on Town Bonds state paupers and paupers committed to Gaol—Also a further sum of Four thousand one hundred & Forty four dollars and twenty two cents agreeable to the Assessors Certificate for the Taxes for the year 1817, committed to John Gleason 2[d] Collector of Taxes for said Town s[d] year, and one other sum of Twelve dollars received of sundry persons exempting them from Military duty agreeable to the provisions of law all which sums thus credited to the Town amounts to the sum of Eight thousand eight hundred and twenty six dollars & sixty cents—

That the said Treasurer has charged the Town with the payments of Orders to the amount of five thousand and ten dollars and sixty one cents—which sufficient vouchers were produced, and also the sum of twenty dollars for his commissions or pay as Treasurer for the last year, making the sum of Five Thousand and thirty dollars and sixty one cents, leaving a Balance due the Town the sum of three thousand and seven hundred & ninety

five dollars and ninety nine cents of which Two thousand six hundred and forty six dollars and forty eight cents, are taxes in the hands of Collectors uncollected, and the sum of eleven hundred & forty nine dollars and forty one cents money in the Treasurey for which sums, viz. taxes uncollected & money amounting to the sum three thousand and seven hundred & ninety five dollars and ninety nine cents, said Treasurer is chargable with, and is to account for to the Town in his future account hereafter all which is *particular* stated in the current account

$3795,,99 balance due — Abraham Lincoln, John Davis, Henry Rogers } Committee of s[d] Town

The Committee, to whom was refered the Application of Elisha Ward[1] made a report which was read and accepted, and is as follows, viz.

"The Committee to whom was refered the request of Mr. Elisha Ward on his demand against the town of Worcester—report as their opinion, that he receive out of the Town Treasury the sum of Ten dollars as full compensation for the support & charges till death of Sarah Cook—All which is submitted

Moses N. Child
Worcester May 4, 1818 — Samuel Brazer
Wm. Eaton

Meeting dissolved

A true Entry, Attest, Levi Heywood, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in town affairs, holden at the South Meeting [house] in said Town, on Monday the 29th day of June, A. D. 1818 pursuant to the foregoin warrant.

Art. 1. Chose Abraham Lincoln, Esquire, Moderator.

[1] ARTICLE 14:—"To see if this Town will allow a further compensation to Elisha Ward, for boarding and nursing Sarah Cook, in her last sickness, beyond what he has received from the State."

Art. 2d[1] being under consideration, it was voted to refer the same to a Committee of five, to consult with a Committee from the First Parish in relation to the matters in dispute between said Town & Parish, to report at the adjournment of this Meeting, and then—

William Eaton, Abraham Lincoln, Rejoice Newton, Samuel Brazer and Amherst Eaton were chosen on said Committee.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of September next, at three O'clock, P. M. and the meeting was adjourned accordingly

Attest Levi Heywood, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs, holden at the South Meeting House in said Town, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1818, by adjournment from the 29th day of June in the same year—

The Committee to whom was refered the article which was the cause of the Meeting of which this is an adjournment, made a report which was read and accepted—and is as follows, viz.

"The Committee appointed at a town meeting holden on the twenty ninth day of June last, to whom was refered the suits of Samuel Austin against Isaiah Thomas, on which a writ of possession has been recovered, & the suit of the Inhabitants of the first Parish in Worcester against the Inhabitants of Worcester now pending in the Supreme Judicial Court, beg leave to report— That they have applied to a Committee of said Parish, who have

[1] ARTICLE 2:—"To consider the proposition made by the first parish in said Town to the Town for a Compromise, by the said Town having from said Parish a full & Complete discharge of the Execution the said parish have in the name of Samuel Austin against Isaiah Thomas Esqr. Also a full Discharge of the suit in favour of said parish against said Town pending in the Supreme Judicial Court. All which is mentioned in the Communication made by the Committee from the said parish to the Selectmen with a request to have a Town meeting called for said purpose, which communication is hereto annexed."

exhibited a bill of the expenses of said suits amounting in the whole to the sum of *Five hundred and nineteen dollars & ninety four cents*, in which bill there are items for agences & Committee's charges, amountin to the sum of *One hundred & three dollars & six cents.*

Your Committee believing it at all times an important object to put an end to Lawsuits, & more especially those which have a natural tendency to excite discord and ill-will amoung neighbours & friends, and believing that a continuance of the existing controversy would distroy much of the harmony & good feelings which ought to subsist between members of the same community, are of opinion and do report that the Inhabitants of Worcester for the purpose of terminating all further controversy would do well to pay to the Inhabitants of said Parish the balance of said bill, after deducting said items for agences & Committee's charges, leaving the sum of Four Hundred & Sixteen dollars & eighty eight cents—Provided the Inhabitants of said Parish will discharge or cause to be discharged said Writ of Possession & give said Thomas a good and sufficient title to the real estate mentioned therein—and will discontinue said suit now pending & will give to said Inhabitants of Worcester a full & complete discharge from all claims which the said Inhabitants of said Parish have or make to any monies due or owing from said Inhabitants of Worcester to them

September 7th 1818

William Eaton
Abraham Lincoln
Rejoice Newton
Samuel Brazer
Amherst Eaton

A vote then passed to adjourn this meeting 'till half past five of the clock, and the meeting was accordingly adjourned.

At half past five the Inhabitants met agreeably to adjournment

On motion made and seconded, it was voted that the Town so far reconsid[er] their vote on the report of their Committee, as to pay the Inhabitants of the first Parish the full amount of their exhibited bill of costs being five hundred and nineteen dollars and fifty four cents, on the conditions mentioned in the report of the Committee—the Moderator of the meeting pledging himself

to pay into the Treasury of the Town the sum of One Hnndred Dollars—

Abram Lincol[n], Edward D. Bangs and Levi Lincoln Jr. Esquires were then chosen a Committee with full powers to receive from the Inhabitants of said Parish the discharges mentioned in and agreeable to the report of the Committee accepted as aforesaid, and to give said Parish in behalf of said Town security for the payment of said sum of four hundred and nineteen dollars and ninety four cents, pledging the interests of the town for the payment thereof—

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised, whenever there shall be money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to draw their order on the Treasurer to pay said sum to said first Parish, or whenever they can collect money belonging to said Town to pay the same—

Voted that this meeting be dissolved, and this meeting was dissolved accordingly.

A true Entry—Attest, Levi Heywood, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the second day of November being the first Monday in said month, in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and eighteen, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for the Worcester South District; votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed, and were for the following persons, viz.

For Sumner Bastow, Esqr. One hundred and seven	107
For Hon. Benjamin Adams Esqr. Eighty one	81
Total	188

On motion made and seconded, the meeting was dissolved

A true Entry Attest Levi Heywood, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town affairs, holden at the South Meeting House in said Worcester, on Monday the twenty third of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen agreeably to warrant therefor

Art. 1 Chose Abraham Lincoln Esq. Moderator.

Art. 2 Voted to choose a Committee to receive examine and allow accounts, to report at the adjournment The Committee consist of three and then chose the following

Abraham Lincoln Samuel Flagg J^{r} William Eaton Esqs. Committee

Art. 3. Voted that the third article be referred to the Overseers of the Poor without any particular directions[1]

Art. 4 Levi Heywood Esq. the present Town-Clerk tendered his resignation[2] of the office and the same having been accepted by the Town Votes for a Town Clerk to fill the vacancy occationed by the resignation of Levi Heywood were called for, brought in, counted and sorted, and were as follows viz.

For Doc^{t}. Benjamin Chapin ; Eighty-nine
Edward D. Bangs Esq. ; Thirty-eight
Capt. Asa Hamilton ; Two
Otis Corbet ; One

Whereupon Doc^{t} Benj^{a}. Chapin was declared chosen Town-Clerk for the remainder of the year.

The Oath of Clerk was administred to Doct Benj^{a}. Chapin by Abraham Lincoln Esq.

Voted to return the thanks of the Town to Levi Heywood Esq. for his able and impartial conduct as Town Clerk.

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[1] ARTICLE 3:—To give the Overseers of the Poor of said Town any instructions they may think proper, respecting the support and regulating the Poor of said Town the ensueing year."

[2] ARTICLE 4.—"Whereas Levi Heywood Esq. the present Town Clerk contemplates quiting the Town soon therefore at his request To see if the Town think proper to Choose a Town Clerk for the remainder of the year in his place if he does quit the Town aforesaid"

Voted to adjourn this meeting till the first Monday in December next at 3 O'clock in the afternoon and it was adjourned accordingly

Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

Worcester November 30th 1818

John Gleason 2^{d} of Worcester in said County having been duly elected & chosen Collector of Taxes for the Town of Worcester the current year by said Inhabitants at a legal meeting in May last by an adjournment for the annual March Meeting in March last; personally appeared before me the subscriber and made Solemn Oath, that he would levy & collect with what speed he could all such votes and assessments for which he should have sufficient warrants according to law, rendering an account thereof, and pay in the same according to the directions contained in the warrants delivered to him.

Abraham Lincoln J. of the Peace

A true copy Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin T. Clerk

Worcester November 23^{d} 1818

Benjamin Chapin of Worcester, at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town, this day being legally chosen Clerk of said Town the remainder of the present year, in the room & stead of Levi Heywood Esq. resign'd on account of his leaving s'd Town; personally appeared before me the subscriber and made Solemn Oath truly to record all votes passed in the meeting of which he was chosen and all other Town Meetings during the year and untill another Clerk shall be chosen and sworn in his stead and also faithfully to discharge all other duties of his office agreeably to the provisions of law, impartially and according to his best skill and judgment

Abraham Lincoln J. Peace.

Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

Adjourned Meeting, Nov. 7th 1818.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester; qualified to vote in Town affairs, holden at the South Meeting House in said Town, on the seventh day of December 1818 by adjournment from the twenty third of Nov. last past

Abraham Lincoln, Esq. Moderator.

Committee chosen to examine and allow Accounts have attended to that subject and report as follows

"The Committee appointed to receive & examine and Report upon the demands exhibited against the Town of Worcester; Report that they have carefully examined the demands hereafter mentioned and find due to the following persons viz.

N°. 1.	Luke Gray for Sundries delivered to the Overseers of the poor Hous & farm	$93,66
2.	The Town of Rehobeth for supporting Abigail Temple a Town Pauper two years on Contract	135,11
3	The Town of Peru for Boarding & clothing a Child of James Tracy a town pauper in full	21,08
4	Town of Mendon in full for Boarding Clothing Nursing and Doctering James Smith Wife and Three Children Town Paupers	159,41
5	The Town of Concord in full for Boarding Clothing, Nursing & Doctering Andrew Tufts family, Town Paupers	60,20
6	John Tatman Jr. for Boarding John Lawrence before he went to the Poor House a T. Pauper	33,92
7	Alpheus Merrifield for Building and repairing Bridges near Dea. Trowbridge's	94,11
8	Joshua Gates for Clothing & Boarding Peter Willard a State Pauper	27,77
9	David Lovell for wood, grain & meat supplied William Joblin a State Pauper	7,53
10	Town of Northampton for Boarding Lawson Harrington when in prison there for debt	11,40

11	Wm E. Green for Shingles purchas'd of him for the poor House.	17,50
12	The Assessors for the present year for their services	60,00
13	Samuel Gould for Boarding Clothing & Nursing Ebenezer Flagg a Town Pauper	89,00
14	Levi Heywood for Recording the Births and Deaths	2,88
15	Henry Sikes for Articles for the poor House for under Beding &c	23,30
16	Samuel Stowell for Boarding Clothing and Nursing Thos. Gleason from Dec 1st. 1817 untill June 1st 1818 the time of his death on Contract	60,50
17	Benja. Chapin for Doctering the Poor	11,65
18	Daniel Tatman for Timber & Labor over and above his highway List expended in Building the Bridge near Burbanks	61,27
19	Peter Foster for Collecting the remains of Burbanks Bridge looking for the new timber for the new Bridge as pr his Acct	7,88
20	Rufus Porter for Clothing John Taylor a town pauper put to him as per his Acct.	7,90
21	Abraham Lincoln for supplies made the Poor the Poor House & Others Grain for the Farm and Cash paid for Sundry Articles	306,69
22	Thomas Nichols for Boarding & Clothing Johnson Taylor a Town pauper one year on Contract	46,80
23	Luke Randall for Boarding Clothing Nursing and every expence except Physician's Bill Polly Taylor & George her Son an Ideot one year on Contract	156,00
24	Daniel Chadwick for Boarding & Clothing John Gay a Town Pauper one year on Contract Extra Nursing	70,40
25	Elijah Flagg for Boarding & Clothing Prudence Glasco, one year on Contract a Town Pauper	78,00
26	William Gates for Boarding & Clothing Anna White a town pauper one year on Contract	52,00

27	Samuel Gates 2[d] for Boarding & Clothing Henry Bratz a State Pauper from Dec[r]. 1st 1817 to April 30th 1818 the time he went to the poor House on Contract	30,20
28	Nathan Sever for Boarding & Clothing Henry Sherland a Town pauper one year on Contract	21,84
29	Moses N. Child for Boarding & Clothing Mary Paul a Town pauper one year on Contract	38,48
30	Clark Willington for Boarding Clothing and every expence except Physician's Bill Agnus Brooks and Anna Brooks a Town pauper one year on Contract	95,00
31	George Lynde for Phillis Winslow one year on Contract a Town pauper	20,00
32	Eliphalet Harwood for Boarding Clothing and every expence except Physician's Bill Rachal Hemenway one year on Contract a Town pauper	95,34
33	Nathan White for Supplies for Timber Plank and Labor in repairing the Bridges near his House & supplies the poor as per his Act	32,69
34	Peter & Timothy Rice for two Scythes and use of Waggon to Leicester	2,40
35	Nathaniel Stowell for Labour & meterials in making a foot way over the Bridge near Burbank's when the Bridge was carried off and supplies for the poor; of wood & meat last winter	37,62
36	Lewis Barnard for Hay & Articles deliv'd the poor House and use of Cyder Mill	44,52
37	Lewis Chapin for Labor and materials in Building new Bridge by Col. Flagg's Mill over and [above] his highway List of Taxes	99,22
38	Nath[l]. Harrington for Boarding Clothing & Nursing Keziah Morse one year when sick and Broken Limbs	96,00
39	Ephraim Mower for Supplies the Poor as per his Acct.	4,87

40	John Flagg's demand for Wood de[d]. Poor & going to Concord after Andrew Tufts family and other supplies	48,51
41	Green & Heywood for Doctering the Poor as per their Acct	12,66½
42	Levi Lincoln J[r]. ballance of his demand for services in his profession in the Actions Austin & first Parish & Town Isiah Thomas	61,91
43	Adolphus Taft for supporting Peter Willard when sick at his house	2,00
44	Daniel Goulding for supporting a Woman & two children from the Eastward when sick	5,50
		$2444,72½

The foregoing sums are due to the persons as within named amounting in the whole to the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-four Dollars and Seventy two & half Cents; upon the express condition that wherever there has been made a Contract, they & each of them, have on their part been fulfilled agreeable to the Contract made as aforesaid & not otherwise.

All which are respectfully submitted

Worcester Dec 7th 1818 — Abraham Lincoln, Samuel Flagg J[r]., William Eaton } Committee

Reported and accepted Dec. 7th 1818

A motion was made and accepted to dissolve the Meeting and it was dissolv'd accordingly

Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting AD. 1819

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester at the South Meeting House in said town on Monday the first day of March AD 1819 agreeable to the foregoing Warrant The meeting was opened by the Town Clerk and the Inhabitants were calld upon to choose a Moderator

Art. 1 Chose Abraham Lincoln Esq. Moderator.

Votes for a Town Clerk were called for brought in sorted counted and were as follows viz.

Benjamin Chapin	77
Edward D. Bangs Esq	8
Capt Asa Hamilton	1
Abraham Lincoln Esq	1

2d Benjamin Chapin was chosen Town Clerk for the ensuing year and was sworn by A. Lincoln Esq. before he entered upon the duties of his office.

Worcester March 1st 1819—Benjn. Chapin of Worcester at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town this day being legally Chosen Clerk of said Town the ensuing year, personally appeared before me the Subscriber and made Solemn Oath truly to record all votes passed in the meeting of which he was chosen and all other Town meetings during the year and until another Clerk shall be chosen & sworn in his stead and also faithfully to discharge all other duties of his office agreeable to the provisions of Law impartially and according to his best skill & judgment

Before me Abraham Lincoln J : Peace

Chose Abraham Lincoln Esq. Nathan White Nathl. Stowell John Flagg Peter Slater Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor Sworn March 1st by Town Clerk

Chose James Wilson, Esq. Town Treasurer.

Chose Abraham Lincoln, Reuben Gleason, John Gleason 2d. Assessors Sworn March 1st by Town the Clerk.

Voted to postpone the Choice of Collector and Constable to the adjournment of this meeting

Voted. To raise Two Thousand Dollars to defray the expences of Public Schools the ensuing year

Voted. To reconsider the preceeding vote.

Voted. To raise Seventeen Hundred Dollars for the support of public schools. The said Schools to be kept in the same way and manner as was adopted last year

The following were chosen Town Officers

Azor Phelps	Jeremiah Harrington	School Committee
Amos Whitney	Timothy Taft	
Lewis Chapin	Thomas Chamberlain	
Ebenezer Reed J^{r}.	Jonathan Gleason J^{r}.	
John Curtis		

	Benjamin Chapin	Hogreeves
	Dison Dier	
Sworn March 1	Francis T. Merrick	
Sworn March 1st	John W. Hubbard	
Sworn March 1st	Benjamin Phelps	
Sworn March 1st	Oliver Eager	
	Jeremiah Stiles	
	William H. Howard	
	Moses Brigham	
Sworn March 1st	Anson Johnson	
Sworn March 1st	Joseph Haynes	
	Baily Clements	
	John Flagg 2^{d}	
Sworn March 1st	John Patch	
Sworn, March 1st	Levi Bigelow	
	Curtis Rice	
	George W. Brooks	
	Lewis Holbrook	
	Mathew W. Town	
Sworn March 1st	Rufus Pane J^{r}.	
Affirm'd March 1st	John M. Earle	
	Elijah H. Trowbridge	
	William Eaton J^{r}.	
Sworn March 1st	Stephen G. Livermore	
Sworn March 1st	Stephen Heywood	
Sworn March 1st	Jeremiah Harrington	

Sworn March 22^{d}	Nathan Heard J^{r}.	Clerks of the Market
	Otis Corbett	

Amos Smith Pound-Keeper

Voted. To have the same Fire Wards as last year

Voted. To postpone the Choice of Tythingman

Reuben Wheeler	Sealers of Leather
Nathaniel Eaton	
Paul Shepard	Cullers of Hoops & Staves
Simeon Duncan	

Voted to reconsider the vote of Sealer of Leather as it respects Reuben Wheeler; and Chose Amherst Eaton in his stead

Sworn March 6th	Lewis Bigelow	Surveyors of Boards & Shingles
	Samuel Harrington Jr.	
Sworn May 4th	Jonathan Nelson	Fence Viewers
	Rufus Porter	
	Saml. Harrington	
Sworn April 2d	Nathaniel Gates	
	William Trowbridge Jr	
	Elijah Burbank	
	Lewis Chapin	
	Joel Gleason	
Sworn March 2d	Heman M. Burr	Field Drivers
	William Chamberlain	
Sworn March 11th	Clark Willington	
Sworn April 6th	John Tatman Jr	
Sworn May 3d	Charles Putman	
Sworn March 6th	Luke Randall	
	William Goss	
	Thomas Stowell	
	Benjamin Reed	
	John Sergeant	
Sworn April 8	William Harrington	Measurers of Wood
Sworn March 22	Nathan Heard Jr.	
	John Miller	

Art 7 Voted not to have the Swine go at large the current year

Art 8 Voted not to have neat Cattle, Horses or Mules go at large

Art 10 Voted to refer that article[1] to the adjournment

Chose Levi Lincoln Jr. Agent for the Town.

13 Voted To sell that piece of land adjoining Messrs Barnard's land belonging to the Town[2]

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[1] Report in relation to the town bonds.

[2] ARTICLE 13:—"To see if the Town will sell a small piece of land joining on Messrs. Barnard's land ocationed by the County Committee straightening the Road to Boylston on the west side of said Road laid out & to choose a Committee to sell and execute a deed of the same and receive the pay therefor and to do anything necessary to accomplish the same."

Chose. Abraham Lincoln, William Eaton, Samuel Flagg Jr. Committee to sell said Land & to receive the money & report

Voted, To refer the grant of money for supporting the Poor, to the adjournment

Chose. Levi Lincoln Jr. Edward D. Bangs, Henry Rogers, Committee of Estimates

Art 6 Voted to raise the sum of Two Thousand Dollars for repairing the Highways the current year.

Voted. To expend the money for repairing the Roads in the same way and manner as last year.

Voted. to excuse Silas Brooks as Fire Ward.

Chose: John Miller in his stead.

Sworn March 22d	Nathan Heard Jr	Highway Surveyors, & Collectors of Taxes
	Uriel Johnson	
	Lewis Chapin	
Sworn	Thomas Rice	
Sworn March 6th	Mathew Gray	
Sworn April 30th	Elijah Flagg	
Sworn March 1st	John Gleason 2d	
Sworn May 3d	Dea. Wm Trowbridge	
Sworn May 26	Ebenr. Read Jr.	
Sworn March 6th	Silas Brooks	
Sworn May 3d	Jonas Johnson	
	Ebenezer Williams	
Sworn March 1st	Joel Flagg	
	Luther Johnson	
	David Haws	
	Moses N. Child	
Sworn May 4th	Ira McFarland	
	Wm Goss	
	Capt. John Gleason	

Votes for a County Treasurer were call'd for brought in and counted, and were for

Samuel Allen Esq. Ninety four

Chose. Levi Lincoln Jr. Edward D. Bangs, Nathaniel Paine Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer

Chose. Levi Lincoln Jr. Edward D. Bangs, Abraham Lincoln,

John Davis, Sam[l]. Flagg J[r]. Committee to attend to Mill Stone Hill[1] subject and to report at the adjournment

Voted. To excuse Capt. Azor Phelps as School-Committeeman and Chose Henry Rogers in his stead.

Voted. To adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May next at 3 O'clock P. M. and it was adjourned accordingly

Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk.

April Meeting 1819

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governour and Lieut. Governour, holden on the fifth day of April, being the first Monday in said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governour and Lieut. Governour of said Commonwealth. The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons.

For Benj[a]. W. Crowningshield; Two hundred and thirty His Excellency John Brooks, One hundred Eighty four Hon. George Cabbot, One	For Governour
Benj[a]. Austin Esq. Two hundred and thirty His Honour W[m] Phillips One hundred Eighty five	For Lieutenant Governour.

[1] ARTICLE 12:—"To see if the Town will take any measures to secure the Wood on Mill-Stone Hill belonging to said Town and to prevent wood & timber from being cut down and carried off from said Hill and also to prevent those persons who have been cutting Wood or Timber and carrying off wood timber or logs therefrom, to choose an agent or agents to look into the business & if they or he should judge expedient to commence suits or prosecutions against any person or persons who may have trespassed as aforesaid and do everything necessary to secure the wood & timber on said Hill for the use and benefit of said Town."

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the fifth day of April, being the first Monday in said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors for the District of Worcester County. The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons.

For Joseph Adams, Two hundred and thirty	230
Jonas Sibley Esq. Two hundred and thirty	230
Edmund Cushing Esq. Two hundred and thirty	230
Zadock Gates Esq. Two hundred and thirty	230
Hon. Stephen P. Gardner One hundred and eighty four	184
Aaron Tufts One hundred and eighty three	183
Lewis Bigelow One hundred and eighty one	181
Samuel Eastman One hundred and eighty one	181
Theophilus Wheeler Esq. One	
Bezaleel Taft Jr. Esq. One	
Silas Holman One	
Seth Hastings Esq. One	

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court at the South Meeting House in said Town on Monday the third day of May being the first Monday in said Month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen

1 Voted to send one or more Representatives to the General Court the current year and then on motion made and seconded it was voted to send but one Representative.

2 Votes for One Representative to represent the town in the General Court the present year, were then called for, brought in,

counted and were for Abraham Lincoln Esq. One hundred and one; for Joseph Allen Esq. Two.

Abraham Lincoln Esq. was duly elected to represent the Town of Worcester in the General Court the present year.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town affairs, for the choice of Town Officers, and for a County Treasurer, holden at the South Meeting House in said Town on the third day of May A. D. 1819, by adjournment from the first day of March in the same year.

Abraham Lincoln, Esq. Moderator.

The Committee of Estimates made a report in the following words and figures viz.

"The Committee appointed at the annual meeting of March last to make an Estimate of such sums of money as are necessary to defray the expenses of the Town of Worcester the current year have attended to that duty, and Report, to enable the Selectmen to fullfil their Contracts and engagements for supporting the Poor discharging the debts due from the Town for the remainder of the purchase money for the poor Establishment paying the man and family for caring on said place and taking care of the poor at said place purchasing more stock on said place and more House-hold Utensials a debt due the first parish and the common and ordinary contingent expences arising in said Town yearly; It will be necessary to raise by Tax, to be assessed upon the polls and estates of the Inhabitants the sums following viz.

For supporting the poor at the poor House with provisions clothing and other necessaries more than probably can be procured from said farm including some of the poor not yet there	$1000,,
The man and family's pay for superintending said farm and the poor at said place and probably some hired help.	350

To discharge the debts, the remainder of the purchase money for said place Including a debt due to the first parish	3800
For Roads and Bridges over and above the high-way Taxes	200
For purchasing of more Stock for said place and some House-Hold Utensials	150
For purchasing Powder for Town Stock repairing Engine Houses Buckets, purchasing Posts and Rails for fencing said farm and the Common and ordinary Contingent expences within said Town yearly	550
The Collectors pay on Commissions for collecting the Taxes Assessors pay, The Treasurer's pay and abatement of Taxes	350
From which you may deduct the Interest on the Town Bonds Ground Rent money due the Town and Taxes uncollected now in the hands of the Collector not appropriated probably in the whole the sum of	750
	$5650

This sum of $5650,0 to be raised by a Tax and to be assessed upon the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants aforesaid."

All which is respectfully submitted

Worcester May 3^{d} 1819 — Levi Lincoln J^{r}, Edw. D. Bangs, Henry Rogers } Committee

The foregoing Report of the Committee of Estimates having been read, was accepted and the sum by them assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town said sum being Five thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

Voted to put up the collection of Taxes for the current year to the lowest bidder, The collection of taxes was then put up at auction and Cyrus Stockwell being the lowest bidder it was struck off to him.

Voted not to accept of Cyrus Stockwell as Collector he not having been a resident of the town but a short time

Voted to reconsider the vote of putting the collection of Taxes at Auction.

Sworn August 12th Voted that John Gleason 2d be Collector the current year and that he receive two cents on the dollar.

Voted not to choose Tythingmen.

On motion made & secon[d]ed it was voted to choose Constables by nomination.

Chose

Sworn Augt. 31st William Eaton
Sworn Augt. 12th John Gleason 2d } Constables

Voted to raise Five hundred dollars for repairing the highways in addition to the sum already granted for that purpose.

The Selectmen made a report of the situation of the Town Bonds which was read & accepted and is as follows viz.

Selectmen's Report of the Town Bonds

The date of each Bond	Principal of each Bond Dollars	Cts.	By whom given principal and sureties
April 1st 1805			Col Samuel Flaggs Lease
Dec. 1st 1816	141		John Jones Prin & Simon Gates & Wm. Paine 2d S.
Dec. 1st 1817	408	62	Stephen Goddard, P. Thos. Stevens & Benja. Goddard S.
Dec. 1st 1812	161	58	Reuben Gleason P. James Gleason & Amos Flagg S.
Dec 1st 1813	246	67	William Chamberlain P. Peter Slater & Willard Moore S.
Dec 1st 1812	51	86	William Gates P. Wm. Eaton & Joel Gates S.
Dec 1st 1818	78	67	Joel Putnam P. Saml. & Charles Putnam S.
Dec 1st 1809	230		Moses N. Child P. Wm. Moore & Paul Shepard S.
Dec 1st 1809	115	18	Amherst Eaton P. Wm. Eaton & Saml. Curtis S.
Dec 1st 1815	133	87	Samuel Stowell P. Wm. & Amherst Eaton S.
Dec 1st 1811	292	56	Ephraim Mower P. John Gleason & T. G. Mower S.
Dec 1st 1811	336	66	Thomas Chamberlain P. Wm. Chamberlain & D Curtis S.
Dec 1st 1808	142		Daniel Denny P. Ephm. Mower & David Richards S.
Dec 1st 1809	75	83	Willard Moore P. Wm. Moore & Wm. Chamberlain S.
Dec 1st 1816	418	11	Abraham Lincoln P. John Gleason & Ephm. Mower S.
Febr 23d 1811	103		Rufus Paine P. Nathl Paine & David Richards S.
Dec 1st 1805	86	67	Nathaniel Stowell P. Thos. Rice & Paul Gates S.
Dec 1st 1818	230		Benjamin Goddard P. Moses N. Child & Stephen Goddard S.

May 3d 1819.

Time to which the Interest paid	Amount of the Interest paid Dollars Cents	Minuets
Dec. 1st. 1818	20 0	
Do	8 46	
Do	24 52	
Do	9 70	
Do	14 80	
Do	3 11	
Do	4 72	Bond renew'd
Do	13 80	
Do	6 91	
Do	8 5	
Do	17 56	
Do	20 20	
Do	8 52	
Do	4 55	
Do	25 9	
Do	6 18	
Do	5 20	
Dec 1st 1818	13 80	Bond renew'd

Dec 1st 1817	87 50	Levi Rice P. Peter Slater & Wm. Eaton S.
Dec 1st 1817	87 50	William Eaton P. Peter Slater & Levi Rice S.
Dec 1st 1812	125	William Coes P. Thaddeus Chapin S.
Dec 1st 1812	125	Benjamin Chapin P. Timothy Bancroft S.
Dec 1st 1816	633 16	Edward Randall P. John Flagg & Luke Randall S.
Dec 1st 1811	119 44	Silas Bigelow P. George Moore & Luther Rice S.
Dec 1st 1811	300 75	Rufus Porter P. Joel Gates & Lewis Bigelow S.
March 27th 1797	69 33	Jedediah Healy P. Jacob Miller & Peter Stowell S.
Dec 9th 1805	449 44	Levi Lincoln P. L. & D. W. Lincoln S.
Dec 1st 1815	35	Cornelius Stowell P. Thos. Johnson & Abel Stowell S.
Dec 1st 1808	89 10	Abel Stowell P. Thos. Rice & Wm. Goulding S.
Dec 1st 1815	133 33	Nathan White P. Israel Whitney & Ephm. Mower S.
Dec 1st 1818	110	Mary Wheeler & Saml. Graves Prin Wm. Harrington & Wm. Eaton Jr. S.
	$5616 83	

Do	5 25	
Do	5 25	
Do	7 50	
Do	7 50	
Do	37 99	
Do	7 17	
Do	18 5	
Do	4 16	
Do	26 97	
Do	2 10	
Do	5 34	
Do	8	
Do	6 60	Renewed Bond instead of Daniel G. Wheelers
	$357 05	

Receiv'd of the Selectmen the sum of $357,05 Cents in full of the Interest & Ground Rent as above stated } Worcester May 3d 1819

James Wilson Treasurer

Abraham Lincoln
Nathan White
Nath[l] Stowell
John Flagg
Peter Slater
} Selectmen of Worcester

The Committee appointed to settle with the Town Treasurer made a report which was read, accepted, and is in the words and figures following viz.

Dr The Town of Worcester in an Acct current with James Wilson Treasurer of said Town for the year 1818.

1818		To payment of the following Orders		
May			$ Cts	$ Cts
	N° 1	Ebenezer Whitney	23, 75	
	2	George Lynde	17, 16	
	3	William Hovey	6, 25	
	4	Elisha Ward	19, 36	
	5	Nathan Sever	21, 84	
	6	Nathan White	24, 59	
	7	Moses N. Child	38, 48	
	8	Abraham Lincoln Esq	67, 37	
	9	Nathan White	8, 83	
	10	Samuel Gould	36, 40	
	11	Abraham Lincoln Esq	31, 34	
				295, 37
	12	Clark Willington	2, 33	
	13	Enos Foote Esq	18, —	
	14	James Wilson	66, 68	
14	15	Benjamin Newton	13,	
23	16	Elder Jonathan Going	136,	
	17	Elisha Ward	10,	
	18	Theophilus Wheeler	100,	
	19	Elder Jonathan Going	91,	
	20	Luke Gray	50,	
	21	Town of Pelham	18, 36	
	22	Town of Mendon	159, 41	
				664, 78
	23	Abraham Lincoln Esq	24, 43	
	24	William Harrington	8, 75	
	25	Azor Phelps	6, 49	
	26	William Goss	136,	
	27	Luke Gray	93, 66	
	28	Nathan White	56, 37	

	29	Ephraim Mower	9, 13	
	30	William E. Green Esq	17, 50	
	31	John Flagg	12, 52	
	32	John Flagg	54, 50	
April 27	33	Silas Brooks	500,	
				919 35
	34	Nathaniel Green	55,	
	35	Capt. Thad^{s} Chapin	24,	
	36	Cornelius Stowell	3,	
	37	Rebekah Jenison	59, 97	
	38	Corbett & Bigelow	14, 83	
	39	Azor Phelps	14, 76½	
	40	Abraham Lincoln Esq	306, 69	
	41	Abraham Lincoln	2, 88	
	42	Abraham Lincoln	13, 70	
	43	Abraham Lincoln	13, 20	
	44	Nathan Sever	21, 84	
	45	William Gates	52,	
1819				581 87½
April 27	46	Heirs of Es^{t} Benj^{a}. Heywood	10,	
	47	George Lynde	20,	
	48	Moses N. Child	38, 48	
	49	Peter Foster	7, 88	
	50	Town of Rochester	135, 11	
	51	Town of Concord	60, 20	
	52	Abraham Lincoln	69, 48	
	53	Nathaniel Stowell	5, 75	
	54	Henry M. Sikes	23, 30	
	55	Enoch & Elisha Flagg	30, 42	
	56	Peter Slater	32, 67	
	57	Harrington & White	4, 87	
				438 16
	58	Daniel Goulding	5, 50	
	59	Silas Young	5, 50	
	60	Green & Heywood	12, 66	
	61	Joseph Lovell	66, 54	
	62	Benjamin Child	25,	
	63	Nathl Harrington	96,	

	64	Elijah Rawson	8,	
	65	Samuel Stowell	60, 50	
	66	John Gleason 2d	1567, 16	
	67	John Gleason	89, 66	
	68	John Rogers	407, 26	
	69	Clark Willington	95,	
				2438 78
	70	Samuel Gould	89,	
	71	Lewis Chapin	99, 22	
	72	Samuel Gates 2d	30, 20	
	73	Joshua Gates	27, 77	
	74	Levi Lincoln Jr	61, 91	
	75	Benja. F. Heywood	19, 15	
	76	Luke Randall	156,	
	77	Nathaniel Stowell	37, 62	
	78	Assessors	60,	
	79	Nathan Heard Jr	509, 26	
	80	Rufus Porter	7, 90	
	81	Thomas Nichols	46, 80	
				1144 83
	82	Thomas Nichols	10,	
	83	Daniel Chadwick	62, 40	
	84	Samuel Gates 2d	155, 37	
	85	Elijah Flagg	78,	
	86	John Flagg	48, 51	
	87	Samuel Sturtevant	83, 96	
	88	Dr Benja. Chapin	11, 65	
	89	Elijah Burbank	100,	
	90	John Jones	149, 89	
	91	John Tatman Jr	33, 92	
	92	Paul Goodale Jr.	119, 61	
	93	Amos Smith	32, 55	
1819				885 86
April 28	94	Jonathan Nelson	66, 89	
	95	Elijah Burbank	131, 27	
	96	Israel Whitney	10,	
	97	Gardner Johnson	9,	

98	John Gleason 2d	141,		
99	Ephraim Mower	4, 87		
100	Nathan Goldthwait	103, 35		
101	John Gleason 2d	200,		
102	Ebenezer Reed Jr	82, 40		
103	Chiron Corbett	3, 84		
104	Artemas Ward	12,		
105	Eliphalet Harwood	95, 34		
106	David Lovell	9, 69		
107	Adolphus Taft	2,		
108	Daniel Tatman	61, 27		
	Treasurer's com. for his services the past year	20,		953 76

May 1	Amount of Taxes in the hands of Alpheus Merrifield Collector for the years 1811 & 1812 Uncollected	$219, 31	
	Amount of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason 2d Collector for the years 1817 & 1818 Uncollected	4442, 28	
	Amount of Cash in the Treasury this day unpaid out and to be accounted for by the Treasurer in his Subsequent Acct	701, 96½	
			5363 55½
			$13686 32

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May 4	By balance of Taxes in the hands of Alpheus Merrifield Collector for the years 1811 & 1812 $219, 31 also the balance of Taxes in the hands of John Flagg, Collector for the year 1814 $158,24 also the balance of taxes in the hands of John Gleason 2d. Collector for the years 1816 & 1817 the present Collector $2269, 03 also Cash remaining in the Treasury this day $1149, 41 in the whole amounting to $3795,99 agreeable to the report of the Town's Committee appointed for or to settle with the Treasurer	3795, 99	
	By amount received of the Selectmen Interest on Town Bonds, as by the Acct stated with the Town	356 05	
Nov 16	By Cash receiv'd of the Selectmen	100	
	By Assessors Certificate of Taxes for the present year, committed to John Gleason 2d Collector, & charg'd by me to him	7893 25	
1819			
April 27	By amount receiv'd of the Selectmen, Interest on Town Bonds and money receiv'd of the Commonwealth for State Paupers, as by their Account stated with the Town	1529 03	
1818			
May 4	By cash of Jabez Brigham on the Militia law for his Exemption	2	
	" Cash of Paul Goodale for Do	2	
	" Cash of Daniel Smith Do	2	
	" Cash of George A. Trumbull Do	2	
	" Cash of Luther Goulding Do	2	
	" Cash of Samuel Gates Do	2	
			$13686 32

Worcester May 3^{d} AD 1819

The Committee appointed by the Town to settle the Treasurers Account for the last year, after a careful examination of the Acc^{t} by him exhibited, find the same correctly stated and rightly cast; and that he has charged the Town with the sum of eight thousand, three hundred and forty two dollars and seventy six cents, paid out of the Treasury by him; and has credited the Town with the sum of thirteen thousand six hundred and eighty six dollars and thirty two cents, receiv'd by him or now outstanding in the hands of the Collectors, leaving a balance in favor of the town of five thousand, three hundred and sixty-three dollars, fifty-five cents, now in his hands or the hands of the Collectors to be by him accredited to the town or accounted for in his future Account. Treasurers Commission of twenty dollars, being deducted from the amount with which he has charg'd himself as above stated

Levi Lincoln J^{r}
Nathl. Paine
Edward D. Bangs

Voted that the Committee to whom was referd the subject of the Mill-Stone Hill and the Wood thereon, be and they are authorized to look into the subject, and report the facts and their opinion to the Selectmen respecting the title the Town have to the same both as respects the land stone and wood thereon, and that the Selectmen be authoriz'd to prevent any further trespass thereon and do & act as they shall think best & for the Interest of the Town, to settle for what has been done on said Hill, by suits or otherwise with full power, to adjust said business and prevent any in future and secure the same for the use and benefit of the Town hereafter.

On motion made and seconded it was voted to dissolve this meeting and it was done accordingly

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote in town affairs, holden at the South Meeting House in said town, on Monday the twenty second day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen agreeably to warrant therefor.

Art. 1. Chose Abraham Lincoln, Esq Moderator.

Art. 2d. Voted to choose a Commitee consisting of three to receive and examine the Accounts that is or may be exhibited against the Town, and to report at the adjournment of this meeting. Then chose the following persons for said Committee viz.

Abraham Lincoln
Edward D. Bangs } Esqrs.
Rejoice Newton

Art. 3d The following petition was then read by the Moderator.

"To the Selectmen of the Town of Worcester

Sheweth, The Petition of the Subscribers that the Street in said town leading from Maine-Street to Back-Street and called School Street was laid out by the former proprietors of the land and is now & ever has been a private way; that there are many buildings of various descriptions on each side of the said way That much business of different kinds is transacted by the present occupants of the land; that the said way is a convenience and benefit to the public; and that it has become reasonable & proper in the opinion of the Subscribers that the same should be laid out and adopted as a public highway by the Town.

Whereof they pray the Selectmen will lay out said way as a Town road, and report the same to the Town for their acceptance. Dated at Worcester this 18th day of October AD. 1819."

Saml. Brazer and Fifty one others.

We the Subscribers promise to pay to the Highway Surveyor, or any other Person duly authorized to receive the same, the sums set against our respective names for the express purpose of repairing the Street leading from the Maine Street by Messrs. Sutton's house (calld School Street) either in money or labor at the

option of the Subscriber, in case the said Street shall be accepted by the Town, and become a Town Highway.

Worcester Nov. 2d 1819	$ Cts
Thomas & J. Sutton for Wm Paine	5, 00
Thomas & J. Sutton	5 –00
Adrian Webb	3 –00
Levi Howe	3 –00
Jeremiah Robinson	1 –00
Oliver Fiske	1 –00
Thos. & J. Sutton for Mrs. Fenno	1 –32
Theophilus Wheeler	1 –00
Reuben Sikes	3 –00
Nathl Flagg for Isaiah Thomas	10 –00

Worcester Nov 16th 1819 We the subscribers Selectmen of the town aforesaid agreeable to the provisions of law and by the request of the petitioners within mentioned (they being Inhabitants of said Town) have laid out a Street or town-way for the use of said Town by the name of School-Street as follows viz; begining at the East side of Maine Street in said Town or the County Road thro' the town aforesaid between the Houses now occupied by Mrs. Mary Stearns and Mr. John Homer as now opened or laid out by the original proprietors of said estates and as the fences now are erected and in a line with said fences & buildings over, to Back Street between the estates of Mr. Curtis Fowle & Mr. Adrian Webb, to be in the same direction as originally laid out by the proprietors aforesaid and two rods wide and hereafter to be known by the name of School Street.

Abraham Lincoln
Nathan White
Nathaniel Stowell
John Flagg
} Selectmen of Worcester

Nov 22d 1819 Voted to accept this Report

Art. 4th. Voted to postpone the report of the Committee respecting Millstone Hill, to the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Friday the third day of December next, at 2 O'clock P. M. Adjourned accordingly

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs, holden at the South Meeting-House in said town on Friday the third of December AD 1819 by adjournment from the 22d of Novr. last

Art. 2d The Committee chosen to examine & allow Accounts made a report which was accepted and is in the words and figures as follows.

"The Committee appointed by the Town of Worcester at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants on the Twenty second day of Nov. AD 1819 to examine the Accounts and demands against the Town, have attended to that business and after carefully examining and casting up the several Accounts exhibited to them against the Town aforesaid Report the following sums due to the persons hereafter named: viz.

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No 1.	To Leach & Morrison for Clothing for the poor pr. their Acct	48–05
2.	To the Town of Bolton for supplies made to Luke Brown & family when sick they belonging to Worcester	9–02
3.	Samuel & James Harrington supplies made to Asa Mixter at the time his wife was sick and died pr. Act	2 :16
4.	To John Chadwick for 20 Bushels of potatoes for the Poor-House deliv'd last spring for to plant as pr his Acct	8 :40
5.	To George Lynde for House Rent & Wood for Fillis Winslow one year up to this date	20 :00
6.	to Benjamin Thaxter for renewing the lines of the Town's farm & those it bounds upon	4–00
7.	to Walter Bigelow for making & finding Stuff for 12 Guide-Boards as pr his Act	5 :00
8.	to Thomas & John Suttons for a new Cart and work done to one of the Town Engines pr Act	48..97
9.	to Corbett & Howard for 38 lbs Veal deliver'd Gray for the Poor as pr their Acct	1–52
10.	Dr. Benja. Chapin for doctering the Poor the last year $31,84 and for Recording 462 Births and 78 Deaths as pr his Acct	75, 04

11.	to Samuel Gould for Boarding Ebenezer Flagg a town pauper from Dec. 1st 1818 to Jan. 27th 1819 the time he was sent to the Poor-House 8 weeks & 2 days	12, 40
12.	Moses N. Child for Boarding Mary Paul a Town pauper from Dec 1st 1818 to Jan. 27 1819 the time she was sent to the Poor House 8 weeks & 2 days	8–86
13.	Thomas Nichols for Boarding Johnson Taylor a pauper from Dec. 1st 1818 to Jan. 27th 1819 the time when he was sent to the Poor House being eight weeks and two days	8–30
14.	to Elijah Flagg for Boarding Prudence Glasco from Dec. 1st 1819 4 weeks a town pauper the time she was sent to the Poor House pr his Act	7, 50
15.	to Abijah Bigelow for Copies of the Records deliv'd to the Committee respecting Millstone Hill.	2, 00
16.	to Nathaniel Harrington for Boarding nursing clothing & taking care of Kezia Morse a town pauper one year from Dec. 1st 1818 to Dec. 1st 1819 as per his Act	78, 00
17.	to the Assessors for their services the present year	60, 00
18.	to Jeremiah[1] Healy for Coffins diging the graves &c for 5 of the Town's poor & making 1800 Blank Cartridges for the Militia review & Muster	30, 75
19.	to Abraham Lincoln for money he paid for the Town Articles supplied the Poor with as pr his Act & vouchers	230, 44
20.	to Levi Smith for painting & Lettering twelve Guide Boards pr his Acct	12, 00
21.	to Nathan White for expences going to Mendon after James Smith & family Horse & Chaise and his own time 3 days & also to see about Mrs Vants family	13, 66
22.	Oliver Fiske for Copies from the Record furnished the Committee respecting Millstone Hill	0, 75

[1] Thus written.

23.	Peter Slater for horse & chaise to Sutton to carry M[r]. White to examine papers	6, 83
24.	John Flagg for his going to Concord with two horses & waggon after Andrew Tufts & family $10,11 Cents paid the Town for their demands in full	14, 11
25.	Nathaniel Stowell for supplies made to Phillis Winslow a town pauper & cash paid for work at Burbank's Bridge	5, 62
26.	Green & Heywood for Medicine & medical attendance upon several town paupers	23, 05
		$736, 43

Worcester Dec. 3[d]. 1819

All which is Submitted

Abraham Lincoln, Edward D. Bangs, Rejoice Newton } Committee of said Town

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To the Selectmen of the town of Worcester.

We the Subscribers, a Committee appointed by the town, to inquire what title the town has to a certain tract of land called Millstone-Hill and to report to the Selectmen a statement of facts, with our opinion thereon, now respectfully report—that we have investigated the subject in as thorough and careful a manner as our means of information would admit, and we believe the following concise history of the case to be substantially correct.

Soon after the first permanent settlement of the township at a meeting of the Proprietors "on the last tuesday of September 1733" it was voted "that 100 acres of the poorest land on Millstone Hill be left common for the use of the town for building stones." In 1750 (Feb. 27) a Committee previously appointed by the Proprietors to sell their common and undivided lands, without adverting to the grant which had been made seventeen years before to the town, and probably without a recollection or knowledge of that fact, gave a Deed to Daniel Heywood of all the proprietors common and undivided lands not then disposed

of on Millstone Hill, containing by estimation 97 acres. There is no question that this was identically the same land before granted to the town. The estimation of quantity was not precisely correct, probably because there was no accurate survey—in 1765, it was found by a correct survey to contain 100 acres and 100 rods—And there is no question that it is the same land in which the town now claims an absolute fee and in which certain persons, who pretend to derive their title from Daniel Heywood also claim rights inconsistent with the supposed exclusive property of the town therein.

In 1751 Daniel Heywood made a Deed of the same land to John Chadwick and Asa Flagg who in 1761 made a Deed thereof to Bezaleel Gleson. During this time no notice appears to have been taken by the town of the pretended title of Heywood & his grantees nor is there any evidence that the Town exercised its own right by any act of ownership. In 1763, it seems, however, to have been discovered by Bezaleel Gleason that his title in the land was defective. In order therefore to obtain indemnity, or to settle the question decisively, he brought an action of covenant broken against his grantors Chadwick & Flagg for covenanting in their Deed that they were seiz'd of said land avering in his declaration that the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester were seiz'd of the same—to which declaration, at the Superior Court in Worcester in Sept. 1763 the said Chadwick & Flagg pled that they had kept their covenant, and the jury found by their verdict specially "that if by the vote aforesaid (refering to the vote of the proprietors in 1733) such a right passed, as that the proprietors of the common lands of Worcester could not afterwards grant the same land [aforesaid as that the proprietors[1]] to any other person or persons, then the jury find for the Plaintiffs forty three pounds eight shillings damages, and costs, otherwise they find for the Defendent costs upon which special verdict, the Court "after mature advisement gave judgment in favor of the plaintiffs Gleason against the defendants Chadwick and Flagg, thus determining that the town was exclusively seiz'd of the land

[1] Words within brackets cancelled.

in dispute. It does not appear how Chadwick and Flagg, who were thus compelled to indemnify Gleason, were themselves indemnified by their grantor Heywood, but it seems that Heywood came back upon the proprietors, and the heirs of the old Committee who had conveyed to him. On the 26th of March 1770, at a meeting of the proprietors the following vote was passed "whereas it appears to said proprietors that Major Daniel Heywood who purchased nearly one hundred acres on Millstone Hill of the proprietors' committee, the same being recovered of him or his assigns in due course of law, therefore voted that John Chandler Esq. pay said Daniel Heywood the sum of seven pounds, one shilling & three pence now in his hands, provided the said Heywood give a sufficient release to the Proprietors from any further claim relative to the sale aforesaid" A release was accordingly drawn up in due form on the proprietors book to be signed by Heywood, but thro' mistake or negligence, it was never executed. It appears, however, that the sum voted by the proprietors was actually received by Heywood, for on the 31st of the same month, he in consideration of £7.1.3 paid by the proprietors and £9.1-4 paid by Absalom Rice Benja. Flagg and David Chadwick heirs of the old committee of the proprietors, releas'd to said heirs all actions on account of the covenants contained in the deed of their ancestors and in the preamble of his deed, by way of recital declared "that the said Committee had no right to sell and convey the land to him the said Heywood." It is to be presumed, that at this time the question of title was considered as decisively settled in favor of the town, but as Heywood had not actually relinquished the title which he formerly claimed, but merely released his right of action, he undertook, eleven years afterwards, (in 1781) (when the lapse of time might have in some degree obliterated the impression made by the decision of the Court, or rendered the recollection of facts & dates somewhat indistinct and confused) to give a quitclaim without any covenant of seizin or of warranty of his supposed right in the premises to David Chadwick for the trifling consideration of Twenty Shillings — this quitclaim though signed & sealed, was never acknowledged nor recorded. The David Chadwick to

whom it was given was the heir of John Chadwick one of the old committee, and the same person to whom Heywood released his right of action in 1770. From this David Chadwick, the Individuals who now claim a right in the land on Millstone Hill derive their supposed title, through several intermediate conveyances. But the Committee can find no evidence, that Heywood ever obtained from Chadwick and Flagg his first grantees, or from any other person, a reconveyance or release of the title in the land which he had for a valuable consideration before Parted with, or that they ever receiv'd from him any indemnity for the breach of his covenants to them which might have revested the title in him, if he had ever possessed any. We may fairly presume that all this was done, but it is mere conjecture; no proof of the fact exists. Your Committee find by a recurrence to the town records that soon after the decision of the Superior Court in favor of the title of the town, the town (March 1766) assumed an absolute right in the land, and passed a vote forbidding any person to cut wood thereon without leave of the Selectmen. March 6. 1769 an article having been inserted in the warrant for the meeting, to see if the town would sell the land on Millstone-Hill, it was voted in the negative. March 5th 1770 the town granted leave to the town of Shrewsbury to get stone steps on Millstone Hill for their Meeting House.

Dec. 5. 1780 a Committee was appointed to consider what title the town has to the land on Millstone Hill, and report at an adjournment of the meeting. At the adjournment the Committee submitted a report, the substance of which was, that the town had no right to Millstone Hill but what they derived from the grant of the proprietors in 1733, that the Inhabitants had always enjoyed the privilege of getting stones and had never been molested in the exercise of it by the proprietors or those claiming a right under them by a conveyance subsequent to the said grant. This report did not contain any definite opinion to the right of the town to the fee of the land, and did not recommend any measures either for asserting or relinquishing the claim of the town. The Committee seem to have been careful not to commit themselves or the town by any concessions tho' it may appear probable, from

the language of their report, that they doubted the right of the town to the fee of the land. This report was accepted.

Nov. 27. 1784 the town again chose a Committee to examine into their title to the land in question, who, in March 1778 [*sic*] made a lucid tho' concise report containing a statement of the most essential facts which have already [been] mentioned in the present report and referring, very particularly, to the judgement of the Superior Court in 1763. The Committee also stated, that they had asked advice of Counsel in the law which had confirmed them In the opinion that the fee of the land was in the town of Worcester. This report was accepted and the town at the same meeting chose a Committee "to take care of the town's property on Millstone Hill" who were also empowered "to prosecute every trespasser on the same, and to dispose of the property to the best advantage of the town."[1] It seems that this Committee in pursuance of their authority, between this meeting which was on the 3^{d} of March and another meeting which was held by adjournment on the 17th of the same month, had prosecuted David Chadwick the last grantee of Heywood for trespass on this land, for at the adjournment it was voted to discontinue a certain action against said Chadwick, and to dismiss the Committee.

May 19, 1791 the town voted to dismiss the following article in the warrant for the meeting "to see if the town will choose a Committee to make inquiry, what trespass has been committed upon the land belonging to said town on Millstone-Hill in cutting or carrying off wood, timber &c and make report to the town respecting the same—March 4, 1793 another Committee was chosen to prosecute all trespassers "on the town's property at Millstone Hill." March 17, 1806 it was voted to dismiss the following article in the warrant for the meeting "to see if the town will require payment of any person or persons of any sum for stones wrought and carried from Millstone Hill."

The above, on a reference to the town records, appear to be all the acts and votes of the town respecting the property on

[1] See page 133, Volume VIII. of the Collections of The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

Millstone Hill. The whole tenor of them shows that various opinions have been entertained, and different opinions at different times prevailed, if not as to the town's right to the land, yet as to the expediency of prosecuting their claims in a court of law. Sometimes the town asserted their absolute right, and took the preliminary steps for defending it but did not persevere in the course in which they had begun.

At other times they seem to have doubted their right, or did not think the property worth the risk and expence of a lawsuit. But the only careful investigation which appears to have been made of the subject resulted in the opinion of a Committee, confirmed by legal advice, that the town had an absolute fee in the land. We believe these to be all the material facts respecting the subject which we have in charge to examine, and it only remains for us, agreeably to our instructions, to express our opinion as to the title of the town to the land on Millstone Hill.

The first question which arises is this—What is the true construction of the vote of the old proprietors, who granted "100 acres of the poorest land on Millstone Hill to be left common for the use of the town for building stones"?

This question we are in a measure constrained to consider as decisively settled by the judgment of the Superior Court in 1763. The opinion of this high judicial tribunal, composed of men eminently learned in the law, if it be not absolutely conclusive, yet it is entitled to the utmost deference and respect—and had we previously formed a different opinion ourselves, we should be strongly inclined to doubt its correctness, when contradicted by a decision of such paramount authority. But independent of the decision of the Court, and even keeping it out of view as far as possible in our examination, we have formed a decided opinion that the intention of the original proprietors was to give the town an absolute property in the land; that the words "to be left common for the use of the town for building stones" were introduced merely to denote the principal design and reason of the grant, and not with a view of reserving to the proprietors any right in the soil or limiting the town in the use of it.

The next question, and perhaps the only remaining one essential in the present inquiry is, whether the town having once had an absolute property in the land, has lost it by losing possession —or in other words, whether any one else has acquired a title by possession. Upon this point, a recurrence to the votes and acts of the town, from the time when the first dispute about title arose, down to a recent period, satisfies us that the town has never for any considerable length of time, ceased to assert its right, and has frequently exercised it by acts of ownership, such as granting licence to other corporations and individuals to get stones from Millstone-Hill appointing agents to take care of it, and defend it against trespassers, and, by the agency of a committee, once actually commencing a prosecution against a supposed trespasser. But whether these proceedings constitute a legal possession, or not, we cannot perceive that any one else has acquired a title in that manner. It is true, that individuals, claiming under Heywood, have from time to time, cut down and carried away wood from this land—but it is also true that, independent of the acts of the town in its corporate capacity, the Inhabitants have from time immemorial used and possessed the Hill for the purpose of getting stone, have cleared off wood from spots when it was most convenient to take stone, have erected workshops on the land, and used the wood for carrying on so much of the blacksmithing business as was necessary for repairing the tools &c. Under these circumstances, we are of opinion that there has been no such exclusive possession either by the town or by individuals as would conclude either party. But what we apprehend will settle this point at once is, that the present claimants do not pretend anything more than a mixed possession. They agree that whatever the town had originally by the grant of the proprietors they now possess. And if, indeed, they claimed a title by possession it could avail them nothing—Unless their claim extended to the sole exclusive property of the land. But we do not think it important for us to examine the title of those who claim under the quit-claim of Daniel Heywood to David Chadwick, (tho' we are persuaded that it would prove defective, even if the town were without right)—for if the town's title be not good, it is of no con-

cern to us whose title is good. On a view of the whole case we are unanimously of opinion, that the title of the town to the fee of the land on Millstone-Hill is good and sufficient in law[1]

Worcester
Nov. 22. 1819

Levi Lincoln Jr.
Samuel Flagg
John Davis
Edward D. Bangs
Abraham Lincoln

Voted to accept the preceeding report of the Committee respecting Millstone Hill, by nearly an unanimous vote.

On a motion being made & seconded to reconsider the vote, relating to the Road laid out from Maine Street to Back Street and passing by Thomas Suttons' House; it was voted in the negative.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for and in behalf of the Town, to take the care and superintend the management of Millstone-Hill in the best way and manner for the Interest of the Town as they from time to time, shall judge proper with full power and authority to settle any Trespasses that has or may be committed upon said Millstone-Hill, or any part thereof belonging to said Town, to prosecute any that has or may be committed thereon, and in behalf of said Town to forbid any from Trespassing on the same in future & fully and completely to do any lawful act which is or may become necessary for securing said estate for the use and benefit of said Town, and for the recovery of all the Town's right which has been taken from them either by Cutting or Carrying off Wood or Timber or otherwise.

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin} Town Clerk

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[1] (Side note.) "Report drawn up by Mr. Lincoln. See 2 Pick., p. 425."

[End of the Fifth Volume in manuscript.]

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs in the Choice of Town Officers, holden at the South Meeting House in said town, on Monday the sixth day of March One thousand eight hundred and twenty; agreeably to the warrant.

The meeting was opened by the Town Clerk and the Inhabitants were call'd upon to choose a Moderator

Art. 1. Chose Abraham Lincoln, Esq. Moderator and the following Officers were then chosen

Benjamin Chapin } Town Clerk } Sworn by the Moderator before entering upon the duties of the office

Voted to choose five Selectmen

Abraham Lincoln Nathaniel Stowell John Flagg Peter Slater William Eaton Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor Sworn March 6

Chose James Wilson Town Treasurer

Sworn March 6 — Abraham Lincoln, Reuben Gleason, John Gleason 2d. } Assessors

Abraham Lincoln Edward D. Bangs Nath[l]. Stowell Committee of Estimates

Art. 4th Voted to postpone that article to the adjournment of this meeting.[1]

Voted not to choose Collector & Constables until the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted. To raise Seventeen Hundred Dollars to support the public Schools and that the money be expended in the same way and manner as last year.

Levi Lincoln Jr. Daniel Smith Lewis Chapin Charles Putnam Samuel Black Benj[a]. Newton Daniel Tatman W[m]. Chamberlain Cyrus Lovell School Committee

Sworn March 6 — John Miller, Nathan Heard Jr. } Clerks of the Market

[1] ARTICLE 4:—"To raise money to support the poor and for the common and contingent expenses."

Sworn March 6 Daniel Goulding, Pound Keeper.

Levi Lincoln Jr. Agent for the Town.

Levi Lincoln Jr. Abraham Lincoln, Samuel Hathaway, William Eaton, Peter Slater, John Miller, Fire Wards.

Voted to raise Two Thousand Dollars for repairing the Highways the current year.

	William Eaton	Highway Surveyors
Sworn Apl 3	John Jones	
	Thomas Stowell	
" Apl 10	Nathaniel Gates 2d	
	Luke Randall	
" May 24	Cyrus Lovell	
May 1st	John Gleason 2d	
March 6	Jonathan Flagg	
	Aaron Flagg	
March 15	Silas Brooks	
	Ezekiel Fowler	
Sworn June 6.	Ebenezer Williams	
March 6	Benjamin Read	
March 6.	Benjamin Flagg	
March 6.	Francis Grout	
	Moses N. Child	
March 6.	Levi Lincoln Jr	
May 27	John Patch	
March 20	Samuel Black	

Voted to expend the money for the Highways in the same way and manner as last year.

Voted not to choose Tythingmen.

Thomas Howe, Anthony Chase, Sealers of Leather.

Simeon Duncan, Paul Shepard, Cullers of Hoops & Staves.

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill 2 Oclock this afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

Votes for a County Treasurer were call'd for and were for Samuel Allen Esq. Fifty.

Voted to choose a nother Surveyor of Highways in Samuel Harrington's District and chose Mathew Gray.

Voted that Neat Cattle, Horses, Mules and Swine shall not go at large the current year.

Voted to have 30 Hogreeves this year.

Sworn March 6	Nathan Heard Jr.	Hogreeves
Do	Jonathan Wentworth	
	Isaiah Thomas	
Sworn March 6	Anthony Chase	
Do	Levi Smith	
	Wm H. Howard	
Sworn March 6	Jonathan Flagg	
Do	William Eaton Jr	
	Amos Whitney	
Sworn March 6	Samuel Putnam	
	Levi Willington	
Sworn March 6	Luke Randall	
Do	Austin Harrington	
Do	Daniel Stone	
	Joseph Swett	
	Arnold Morse	
Sworn March 6	Ephraim Curtis 2d	
Do	Moses Brigham	
Do	Nathl Gates 2d	
	Isaac Bartlet	
Sworn March 6	Israel Stockwell	
Do	William Jenison Esq.	
	Russell Eaton	
Sworn March 18	Samuel Loveland	
Sworn March 6	Isaac M. Tucker	
	James Harrington	
Sworn March 6	Stephen Brooks	
Do	Leonard Clark	
Do	Jonathan Knights	
Do	Samuel Harrington Jr	
Sworn March 6th	Lewis Bigelow	Surveyors of Boards & Shingles
	Samuel Harrington Jr.	
Sworn March 6	Benjamin Read	Fence Viewers
	Ebenezer Read Jr.	
	Samuel Harrington	
	Lewis Holbrook	
	Artemas Stearns	
	Joseph Goddard	
	Benjamin White	
	Leonard Clark	

	Nathan Perry	Field Drivers
	Thomas Nichols Jr.	
	Arthur Adlington	
	Israel Stockwell Jr.	
	William Coes	
Sworn May 1.	Mathew Gray	
	John Patch	
Sworn Aug. 21	Joseph Haynes	
Sworn Ap^{l}. 24	Samuel Mills	
	William Eaton J^{r}	

Voted to choose a Committee to examine the Herse and that they report at the adjournment.

Nathan White, Benjamin Thaxter, Thomas Chamberlain, Committee to examine the Herse.

	Nathan Heard J^{r}.	Measurers of Wood
Sworn March 6	William Harrington	
	Elisha Flagg	

Ed. D. Bangs, Rejoice Newton, John Gleason 2^{d}, Committee to settle with Town Treasurer.

Voted to postpone the report of the situation of the town Bonds.

Aaron Bancroft D. D. Rev. Jonathan Going, Rev. Charles A. Goodridge, Selectmen, Thomas Chamberlain, Ed. D. Bangs, Rejoice Newton, Jonathan Harrington, Daniel Stone, Benjamin Thaxter, Francis Grout, Committee to visit and examine the Schools in the several Districts of the Town.

Voted that all Articles not acted on at this meeting be postponed to the first Monday in May next at 2 Oclock P. M.

Adjourned accordingly.

Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governour and Lieut. Governour holden on the third day of April being the first Monday in said month in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight

hundred and twenty for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governour & Lieut. Governour of said Commonwealth. The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons.

For Governour

Hon. William Eustis, Two hundred and thirty four
His Ex. John Brooks, One hundred and fifty eight
Christopher Gore, Eight
William Sullivan, Two
George Cabbot, One

For Lieut Governour

Benj[a]. Austin Esq., Two hundred and thirty two

William Phillips Esq. One hundred and Sixty nine

April Meeting 1820.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Seneators and Counsellors, holden on the third day of April, being the first Monday in said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors for the District of Worcester County. The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, & declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons.

Levi Lincoln J[r]., Two hundred and thirty-three	233
Calvin Willard, Two hundred and thirty four	234
Henry Sargent, Two hundred and thirty four	234
James Estabrook, Two hundred and thirty three	233
Sumner Bastow, One	1
Joseph Allen, One	1
Stephen P. Gardner, One hundred and Sixty eight	168
Lewis Bigelow, One hundred and Sixty seven	167

Samuel Eastman, One hundred and Sixty eight 168
Aaron Tufts, One hundred and Sixty nine 169
A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court at the South Meeting-House in said Town on Monday the first day of May being the first Monday in said Month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty

1st Voted to send a Representative to the General Court or to be represented.

2 Voted to send Three Representatives to represent the Town in General Court the present year.

3 A motion was made & seconded to reconsider the preceeding vote; and voted in the negative.

Votes for three Representatives were then brought in sorted & counted and the following gentlemen were duly elected viz.

Abraham Lincoln, Levi Lincoln and Edward D. Bangs Esqrs.

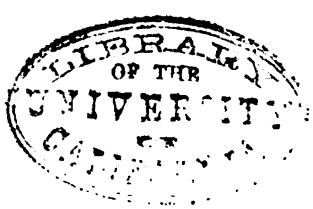
A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin} Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs and for the Choice of Town Officers, holden at the South Meeting-House in said Town, on the first day of May 1820 by adjournment from the sixth day of March in the same year.

Abraham Lincoln, Esq. Moderator.

The Committee of Estimates, Report.

"The Committee appointed at the annual March Meeting last, to examine and make an Estimate of such sums of money necessary to defray the expenses of the Town the Current Year, have attended to the duty and report; to enable the Selectmen and the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Overseers of the Poor to fullfil their engagements for the Town, for supporting the Poor at the poor-house with necessary articles more than what can be procured from the Town's-Farm and a number of the Town's Poor, not at the poor House, paying the Man & family for superintending the Poor at said House and Carrying on said farm, and the Common Contingent expenses arising within the Town aforesaid the present year, it will be necessary to grant the following sums amounting in the whole to the sum of One thousand Nine Hundred and twenty-three Dollars (exclusive of the Interest on Town Bonds, Ground Rent, and a ballance probably that will be in the Town Treasury when the outstanding Taxes are all paid in & the debts of the Town now are paid) and the same to be assessed upon the polls & estates of the Inhabitants of the Town aforesaid viz.

For supporting the poor at the poor House in provisions Clothing & other necessaries more than probably can be obtained from the farm Including physicians attendance and Medicines	$600, 00
For supporting 3 Town Paupers not at the poor House viz. Wid. Temple at Rochester, Keziah Morse & Wid. Grace Wheaton both in this town	220, 00
For paying Man & family for superintending the Poor at the poor-House and Carrying on the Town's farm one year ending April 1st 1821	280, 00
probably some hired help on the farm	30, 00
For Roads and Bridges over and above the highway Tax	150, 00
For purchasing Town's Stock of Powder, Repairing the Herse, Repairing one of the Towns Engines, repairing Buckets, Shingling one of the Engine Houses, purchasing some Rails & Posts for the farm & other Common & Contingent expenses arising within said Town yearly	500, 00
Collectors Commissions for collecting the Taxes within the Town the present year, abatement of Taxes, Assessors pay and the Town Treasurers pay for the current year	350, 00
	$2280, 00

From which you may deduct for Ground Rent & Interest on Town Bonds . 357, 00

To be granted & assess'd upon the polls and estates of the Inhabitants $1923, 00

All which is Respectfully submitted"

Worcester May 1st 1820 } Abraham Lincoln, Edward D. Bangs, Nath[l]. Stowell } Committee

The foregoing Report of the Committee of Estimates having been read, was accepted and the sum recommended to be raised, was ordered, by a vote to be assessed upon the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town, said sum being One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty three Dollars.

The Committee appointed by the Town, to examine the Hearse and see what repairs are necessary to be made thereon, have attended that service and ask leave to report. That they find the Hearse in its present situation very inconvenient as it subjects the person who guides the horse to walk (however bad the travelling may be) and that in the winter, when the snow is deep it is extremely difficult to move it on wheels; we therefore recommend to the Town that it be so altered as that a seat may be attached to it for the driver—and that a pair of runners be procured for the Winter season and that it shall otherways be put in complete repair.

All which is submitted by

Worcester May 1st 1820 } Nathan White, Benj[a]. Thaxter, Thos. Chamberlain } Committee

Read & accepted

Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee to get the Hearse repaired.

The Selectmen's Report of the Situation of the Town Bonds

Dates of each Bond	Amount of each Bond $. Cts.	Names of the Principals / Names of the Sureties
1805 April 1		Samuel Flagg Lease Ground Rent
1819 Dec 1	89 , 10	Samuel Flagg Willard Moore
Do	408 , 62	Stephen Goddard Benj[a]. Goddard & John Miller
1808 Oct 1	142 , 00	Daniel Denny Eph[m]. Mower & David Richards
1805 Dec 1	86 , 67	Nathaniel Stowell Thos. Rice & Paul Gates
1819 Dec 1	69 , 33	Jedediah Healy Sam[l]. Ward & Sam[l]. Warden
1811 Feb. 23	103 , 00	Rufus Paine Nath[l] Paine & David Richards
1812 Dec. 1	161 , 58	Reuben Gleason James Gleason & Amos Flagg
1818 Dec. 1	230 , 00	Benj[a]. Goddard Moses N. Child & Stephen Goddard
1816 Dec. 1	418 , 11	Abraham Lincoln John Gleason & Eph[m] Mower
1813 Dec. 1	246 , 67	William Chamberlain Peter Slater & Willard Moore
1818 Dec. 1	78 , 67	Joel Putnam Samuel & Charles Putnam
1809 Dec. 1	115 , 18	Amherst Eaton William Eaton & Sam[l]. Curtis
1815 Dec. 1	133 , 87	Samuel Stowell Amherst & William Eaton
1816 Dec. 1	141 , 00	John Jones Simon Gates & W[m]. Paine 2[d]
1812 Dec. 1	51 , 86	William Gates Joel Gates & W[m]. Eaton
1809 Dec. 1	230 , 00	Moses N. Child W[m]. Moore & Paul Shepard
1811 Dec. 1	292 , 00	Ephraim Mower John Gleason & Thos. G. Mower

May 1st Anno Domini 1820.

The period that the Interest on each bond is paid	Amount of the Interest on each Bond paid since the last Acct	Interest still due
	$. Cts.	
Dec. 1st. 1819	20 , 00	
Do	5 , 34	N. B. this Bond given for Abel Stowell
Do	24 , 52	Renewed Bond on Acct Sureties
Do	8 , 52	
Do	5 , 20	
Do	4 , 16	Renewed Bond on Acct Sureties
Do	6 , 18	
Do	9 , 70	
Do	13 , 80	
Do	25 , 09	
Do	14 , 80	
Do	4 , 72	
Do	6 , 91	
Do	8 , 05	
Do	8 , 46	
Do	3 , 11	
Do	13 , 80	
Do	17 , 56	

1811 Dec. 1	336 , 66	Thomas Chamberlain Wm Chamberlain & David Curtis
1809 Dec. 1	75 , 83	Willard Moore W^m^. Moore & W^m^. Chamberlain
1817 Dec. 1	87 , 50	Levi Rice Peter Slater & W^m^. Eaton
1811 Dec. 1	119 , 44	Silas Bigelow George Moore & Luther Rice
1811 Dec. 1	300 , 75	Rufus Porter Joel Gates & Lewis Bigelow
1818 Dec. 1	110 , 00	Mary Wheeler & Saml. Graves W^m^. Eaton J^r^. & W^m^. Harrington
1817 Dec. 1	87 , 50	William Eaton Peter Slater & Levi Rice
1812 Dec. 1	125 , 00	Benj^a^. Chapin Timothy Bancroft
Do	125 , 00	William Coes Thads. Chapin
1805 Dec. 9	449 , 44	Levi Lincoln Levi Lincoln Jr. & D. W. Lincoln
1816 Dec. 1	633 , 16	Edward Randall John Flagg & Luke Randall
1815 Dec. 1	133 , 33	Nathan White Israel Whitney & Eph^m^. Mower
1815 Dec. 1	35 , 00	Cornelius Stowell Thos. Johnson & Abel Stowell
Total	$5616 , 83	Principal

Worcester, April 27th 1820

Receiv'd of the Selectmen three hundred and fifty seven Dollars and five cents in full for the Interest money & Ground Rent as stated above

James Wilson } Treasurer of the Town of Worcester

Do	20 , 20	
Do	4 , 55	
Do	5 , 25	
Do	7 , 17	
Do	18 , 05	
Do	6 , 60	This given for D. G. Wheeler
Do	5 , 25	
Do	7 , 50	
Do	7 , 50	
Do	26 , 97	
Do	37 , 99	
Do	8 , 00	
Do	2 , 10	
Total Interest pd	$357 , 05	None Due

Abraham Lincoln
Nathaniel Stowell
John Flagg
Peter Slater
William Eaton
} Selectmen of the Town of Worcester

N B. The above Report was read and accepted

The Committee appointed by the Town to settle with the Town Treasurer, made a report which was read & accepted, and is as follows.

D^r. The Town of Worcester in Acc^t. Current with James Wilson, Treasurer of said Town for the year AD 1819

1819		To payment of the following orders	$ Cts	$ Cts
May 6	No 1	Luke Gray	235,	
	2	Peter and Andrew Slater	20,	
	3	Alpheus Merrifield	94, 11	
	4	Chiron Corbett	8, 79	
	5	Azor Phelps	61, 78	
	6	Jonas Johnson	12,	
	7	Lewis Barnard	44, 52	
	8	Arthur Adlington	48, 54	
	9	Estate of the late Benj^a. Flagg	4, 84	
	10	Lewis Bigelow	60,	
	11	Nathan White	8, 75	
	12	Nathan Perry	9, 58	
				607, 91
	13	Town of Mendon	8, 72	
	14	George Moore	35,	
	15	Peter & Timothy Rice	2, 40	
	16	Widow Rebecca Baldwin	100,	
	17	Jonathan Smith	200,	
	18	Lewis Holbrook	77, 50	
	19	John Flagg	21, 04	
	20	John Flagg	14, 11	
	21	John Chadwick	8, 40	
	22	David Chadwick	67, 83	
	23	Abraham Lincoln	61, 21	
	24	Daniel Waldo	7, 06	
				603, 27
	25	Artemas Ward	27, 80	
	26	John Homer	30, 15	
	27	Lewis Bigelow	30,	
	28	Jonathan H. Lyman	68, 01	
	29	Town of Northampton	11, 40	

30	Town of Peru	21 , 08	
31	Clark Willington	12 , 50	
32	Doct Edward Flint	6 , 51	
33	Levi Rice	4 ,	
34	Levi Pierce	2 , 75	
35	Foote Forrard & Co.	21 ,	
			235 , 50
36	Abraham Lincoln Esq	230 , 44	
37	Nathaniel Stowell	5 , 62	
38	Daniel Goulding	9 , 42	
39	Gardner Johnson	5 , 42	
40	Daniel Chadwick	8 , 62	
41	Silas Brooks	1 , 37	
42	Mary Whitney	4 ,	
43	Mary Whitney	6 ,	
44	Oliver Fiske	0 , 75	
45	Abijah Bigelow	2 ,	
46	James Williams	5 ,	
			278 , 64
47	James Wilson	210 ,	
48	Town of Rochester	67 , 46	
49	Leach & Morrison	48 , 05	
50	Corbett & Howard	1 , 52	
51	Earle & Chase	8 , 83	
52	Samuel Gould	12 , 40	
53	George Lynde	20 ,	
54	Abraham Lincoln	39 , 48	
55	Luke Gray	292 , 31	
56	Nathan White	32 , 69	
57	John Gleason 2^{d}	143 ,	
58	Nathan White	13 , 66	
59	Jedediah Healy	30 , 75	
			920 , 15
60	Levi Smith	12 ,	
61	William Harrington	12 , 13	
62	Jeremiah Harrington	85 , 16	
63	Daniel Willington	14 , 24	

64	Abraham Lincoln Reuben Gleason and John Gleason 2d Assessors	60 ,	
65	Rebecca Baldwin	100 ,	
66	John Gleason 2d	226 , 57	
67	John Gleason 2d	1775 , 41	
68	John Gleason 2d	78 ,	
69	Jedediah Healy	18 ,	
70	Nathan Heard Jr.	374 , 36	
71	Benjamin Thaxter	4 ,	
			2759 , 87
72	Thomas Chamberlain	144 , 57	
73	Lewis Chapin	152 , 84	
74	Isaiah Thomas	319 , 03	
75	Jonathan Gleason Jr.	121 , 26	
76	Amos Whitney*	73 , 13	
77	Thomas & John Sutton	48 , 97	
78	Timothy Taft	133 , 29	
79	John Curtis	110 , 73	
80	Bigelow & Wentworth	92 , 18	
81	Ebenezer Read Jr.	88 , 17	
82	Henry Rogers	391 , 04	
83	Nathaniel Harrington	78 ,	
84	Benjamin Chapin	75 , 04	
			1828 , 25
	Treasurers Com. for his Services the past year		20 , 00
			$ 7253 , 59

Amount of Taxes in the hands of Alpheus Merrifield Collector of Taxes for the years 1811 and 1812 Uncollected	$125,20	
Amount of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason 2d Collector of Taxes for the years 1817, 1818 & 1819 Uncollected	6281,35	
Amount of Cash in the Treasury this day unpaid out	356,10	6762 65
		$14016 24

1819	Cr.		
May 3	By balance of Taxes in hands of Alpheus Merrifield Collector for the years 1811 and 1812 $219,31		
	Also the balance of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason 2d Collector of Taxes for the years 1817 and 1818 $4442,28, the present Collector		
	Also Cash remaining in the Treasury this day $701,96 in the whole amounting to $5363,55 agreeable to the report of the Towns Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer	5363	55
Dec. 4	By Assessors Certificates of Taxes for the present year committed to John Gleason 2d Collector & charged by me to him	7546	41
1820			
April 24	By amount receiv'd of the Selectmen for paupers committed to prison for debts & for supplies made to the paupers up to Jany. 1st. 1820 $519,44 of Nathaniel Gates & William Moore for pay of the Denny place, the Town sold them $172,75	692	19
	By Assessors Certificate of Taxes, in addition to those previously charg'd to John Gleason 2d Collector for the year 1819 and chargd by me to him	8	04
	By amount receiv'd of the Selectmen for Interest on Town Bonds & Ground Rent	357	05
	By amount receiv'd of the Selectmen for Paupers Committed to Prison	35	
1819	By Cash of Jabez Brigham, Robert Henry, Paul Goodale, Daniel Smith, George A. Trumbull, Reuben Wheeler and Ebenezer Read Jr. on the militia law for their Exemption	14	
		$14016	24

Worcester May 1st 1820

The Committee appointed by the Town to settle the Treasurers Account for the last year, after a careful examination of the account by him exhibited, find the same correctly stated and rightly cast, and that he has charged the Town with the sum of seven thousand, two hundred and fifty three dollars, and fifty nine cents; & that he has credited the Town with the sum of fourteen thousand sixteen dollars, and twenty four cents receiv'd by him or now outstanding in the hands of the Collectors, leaving a balance in favour of the town of six thousand, seven hundred sixty-two dollars, sixty-five cents, now in his hands or in the hands of the Collectors to be hereafter acredited to the town or accounted for by him in his future accounts; the treasurers commission of twenty dollars, being deducted from the amount with which he has charged himself

Edward D. Bangs
Rejoice Newton
John Gleason 2d.

Voted to choose a Committee to get the Town's Hearse repaired and chose the Selectmen for that service.

William Eaton & John Gleason 2d were chosen Constables.

John Gleason 2d was chosen Collector of Taxes the current year; and it was voted that he receive Three Cents on the Dollar for his commission.

Voted not to choose Tythingmen.

Voted to dissolve this meeting. Dissolved accordingly.

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators or Representatives, holden on the Twenty first day of August, being the third Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & Twenty, pursuant to a Law of this Commonwealth, for the purpose of giving in their votes, by Ballot on the following question viz.

Is it expedient that Delegates should be chosen to meet in Convention for the purpose of Revising or Altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth?

The whole number of votes were, in open Town meeting receiv'd sorted, counted, and declared, and record thereof made as follows

For the said measure, there were Eighty.

Against the said measure, there were Thirteen.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, pursuant to a Law of this Commonwealth, qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, having been duly convened in town meeting on the Sixteenth day of October being the third Monday of said month in the [year] of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty did then and there pass the following votes viz.

1st Voted to send

2 Voted to send Three Delegates[1] for the purposes mentioned in the preceeding warrant

3 Chose Abraham Lincoln Levi Lincoln and Edward D. Bangs Esqrs. as Delegates

A true Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester in the County of Worcester, held on the Sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty for the Choice of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States the undernamed persons had the number of Votes to their names respectively annexed.

[1] To the Convention to revise the State Constitution.

For Benj[a]. W. Crowningshield	125	Electors At Large
William Phillips	87	
Levi Lincoln	124	
William Gray	87	
William Eustis	1	
Jonas Sibley	1	
Jonas Sibley	124	Elector for Worcester South District
Seth Hastings	85	
Joseph Allen	2	

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held on the Sixth day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty for the Choice of a Representative to the Congress of the United States, for the Worcester South District, the following persons had the number of Votes annexed to their names

For Jonathan Russell	126	Representative to Congress
Benjamin Adams	81	
Seth Hastings	2	
Seth Hastings for Senator	1	

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk

Agreeable to an appointment, we the undersigners perambulated the line between Worcester & Leicester this day and renewed the bounds viz. Began at the Northwesterly Corner of Worcester being the Easterly bounds of Leicester and proceeded to a heap of Stones in Sylvester's land, from thence to a heap of Stones in Nathan Green's land, from thence to a chestnut Tree, near the road by Abel Green's, from thence to an Oak-tree in John Sargants land, from thence to a heap of Stones in the Great Post-Road near a pine-tree, from thence to a Birch-tree between Sargent and from thence to an Oak-tree between Sargent & Adams, from thence to a Chestnut-tree and Stones on Lamper-Hill near the former boundary Oak-tree now cut down from

thence to a heap of Stones at the Southwesterly Corner of Worcester.

Nov. 21, 1820

Nathan White, Lewis Chapin } on the part of Worcester } John Sargant, Darius Cutting } on the part of Leicester

To Messrs. Nathan White and Lewis Chapin, both of Worcester in said County Greeting—We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Worcester, by virtue of a law of this Commonwealth passed on the Twenty-third day of March, Anno domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty six do hereby authorize, nominate and appoint you Gentlemen on the part of the Town of said Worcester to perambulate run & renew the dividing lines between the Towns of Worcester and the Town of Leicester. Also the said Town of Worcester and the Town of Ward and the Town of Worcester aforesaid & the Town of Millbury; and you are to make a return of your doings or proceedings into the Town Clerk's Office of each of said Towns as soon as may be; Given under our hands at Worcester aforesaid this Twenty fifth day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty

Abraham Lincoln
Nathaniel Stowell
John Flagg
William Eaton
Peter Slater
} Selectmen of the Town of Worcester

Worcester Nov. 21st 1820

In obedience to this Warrant we have perambulated the line and renewed the Bounds between the Town of Leicester & of Worcester the Town of Ward and the Town of Worcester and the Town of Millbury and the Town of Worcester according to the directions in the within warrant

Nathan White
Lewis Chapin

We the subscribers pursuent to a Notification to us directed from the Selectmen of Worcester, have perambulated the line & renewed the Bounds between said Worcester & West-Boylston. Beginning at the South corner of said Boylston, thence Northwesterly to a Stake & Stones in Jonathan Lovells orchard thence to a heap of stones at the Northeast corner of Lt Peirce's land,

thence to a White Oak Tree at the North corner of said Worcester, thence to an Appletree near Artemas Bartlets

Nov. 14th 1820

Ezra Bigelow } on the part of
John Read } West-Boylston

Lewis Barnard } on the part of
Reuben Gleason } Worcester

Agreeable to an appointment, We the subscribers have this day perambulated the line between Worcester & Millbury and renewed the Bounds viz. Beginning at Ward line at a White Oak-tree and Stones, thence Easterly to a Stake & Stones East of the County-Road leading from Millbury to Worcester, thence on the same line to a Stake & Stones East of the River South of an Elm-tree on Moses Parks' land, thence on the same line to a heap of stones in Moses Parks' wall, thence on the same line to a heap of Stones in Capt Woodward's pasture East of the Brook, thence to a heap of Stones at Appletons corner, thence to a heap of Stones on a large Rock at Fay's Northeast corner, thence to a Stake and Stones West of Cranberry Pond, thence to a Stump and Stones East of Cranberry Meadow, thence to a heap of Stones East of the County Road being the Southeastern corner.

Worcester Oct 24th 1820

Nathan White } on the part of
Lewis Chapin } Worcester

Rufus Barton } on the part of
Asa Goodell Jr. } Millbury

We the Subscribers have this day perambulated the line between the Town of Worcester & the Town of. Ward and renewed the Bounds viz. Beginning at Southwesterly corner of Worcester at Lamper Hill so called in William Young's land, from thence to a heap of Stones in Jonathan Flagg's land, from thence to an Apple-tree marked in Capt Clark's Orchard, from thence to a heap of Stones near the Road leading from Worcester to Ward from thence to a heap of Stones by Thomas Tracy's from thence to a heap of Stones in land formerly owned by Henry Patch deceas'd, from thence to a heap of Stones in the Road near Timo-

thy Tafts, and from thence to a White Oak-tree at the Southwesterly corner of Worcester and the Easterly corner of Ward.

Worcester Oct 25th 1820

Nathan White, Lewis Chapin } on the part of Worcester

Samuel Boyden, Edward Rice } on the part of Ward

To Gen. Thomas Chamberlain and Thomas Nichols both of Worcester Greeting

We the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Worcester by virtue of a law of this Commonwealth passed on the Twenty-third day of March Anno Domini one Thousand seven hundred and eighty-six do hereby authorize nominate & appoint you Gentlemen on the part of the Town of Worcester aforesaid to perambulate run and renew the dividing Lines between the Towns of Worcester and the Town of Paxton and also between the said Town of Worcester and the Town of Holden, and you are to make return of your doings or proceedings into the Town Clerk's office of each of said Towns as soon as may be; Given under our hands this Twenty-fifth day of August in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and twenty.

Abraham Lincoln, Nathaniel Stowell, John Flagg, William Eaton, Peter Slater } Selectmen of the Town of Worcester

Oct. 2d. 1820 The subscribers in behalf of the Towns of Worcester and Paxton have this day by appointment of the Selectmen of Worcester & two of the Selectmen of Paxton Perambulated the line between said Towns and established the following Boundaries to wit Beginning at the Northeast corner of Worcester a heap of Stones being the corner between Oliver Wilson and Guy S. Newton near to an Oak-tree and on the Leicester line, thence as the fence stands crossing the County-Road to a heap of Stones at the Southwest corner of Holden and we renewed said bounds.

Jonathan P. Grosvenor, Nathaniel Lakin } In behalf of the Town of Paxton

Thomas Chamberlain, Thomas Nichols Jr. } In behalf of the Town of Worcester

The Subscribers by appointment of the respective Selectmen of the Towns of Worcester & Holden have this day Perambulated the line between the said Towns and established the following Boundaries viz. Beginning at the Southwest corner of Holden at a Heap of Stones being the corner between land of Col. John Davis & Joseph Howard, thence to a Stake & Stones by the East side of the road South of Jonathan Moore's Barn, thence to a Hemlock Stump, thence to a Chestnut Stump in said Moore's land, thence to a Black-Birch tree, thence to a White Oak Stump thence to an Elm tree in Noyes' pasture, thence to a White Oak Stump between Theophilus Wheeler & Ethan Davis Esqrs., thence to a Stake & Stones formerly a White Oak tree, thence to a large Rock north of Ebenezer Barber's House thence to a Pitch-pine Stump, thence to a large White Oak near the land of Elisha Smith, thence to a large Chestnut north of Merrifields, thence to an Appletree being the corner of West-Boylston and we renewed said monuments

Oct 2d 1820 — Silas Flagg, Daniel Knowlton } In behalf of the Town of Holden

Thomas Chamberlain, Thomas Nichols Jr. } In behalf of the Town of Worcester

We the subscribers being appointed by the Towns of Worcester and Shrewsbury to Perambulate and renew the Bounds of the original dividing line between said Towns, have this day attended said service and proceeded as follows (viz) Beginning at the Northerly end of the line at a heap of Stones between the lands of Jonathan Lovell & Nathl Heywood, thence to a Stake & Stones (the Black Oak being blown down) at the Northerly end of the long Pond, thence to two Chestnut-trees proceeding from one root on the Westerly-bank of said Pond, thence to a heap of Stones at the Southerly end of said Pond, near where a Saw-Mill belonging to Daniel Baird formerly stood, all which bounds appear to us to be Original

Worcester Nov. 14th 1820 — Ephraim Hapgood, Thos. Harrington Jr. } Committee from Shrewsbury

Lewis Barnard, Reuben Gleson } Committee from Worcester

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, held at the South-Meeting House on Monday the First day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty-one; the following votes were passed viz.

1st Chose Abraham Lincoln Esq. Moderator.

2d Voted to Choose a Committee to examine and allow Accounts that may be exhibited against the Town.

3 Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee to examine and allow accounts that is or may be exhibited against the Town.

4 Voted to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

5 Voted to adjourn this meeting to the fifteenth Instant at two of the Clock P. M. Adjourned accordingly.

Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, held at the South-Meeting House in said town on Monday the Fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, by adjournment from the First of said month the following Vote was passed viz.

1st Voted to accept the Report of the Committee chosen to examine & allow accounts

The Committee appointed by the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester to receive examine and report the demands that shall be exhibited against the Town aforesaid have attended to that service and Report that they have examined the following demands and after having carefully examined & corrected each, do find due to the following persons the sum set against each of their names viz— $ Cts

Doct Benj^{a}. Chapin for Medicines Journies and doctering the Poor of the Town & Recording Deaths & Births as per his account	48,,80

Francis & Jon^{a}. Harrington for Boarding Keziah Morse Nursing taking care of D°. a Town pauper up to Dec. 1st. 1820 per account	69,,35
Daniel Willington for shoeing oxen and Blacksmiths work done for the poor Establishment as per his account	11,,46
Abraham Lincoln for Cash paid for the Town articles delivd to M^{r}. Gray for the poor at the poor House necessaries d^{d}. for Grace Wheaton a Town pauper done by the directions of the Selectmen & Overseers as per his account particularly stated	167,,49
Henry M. Sikes for articles d^{d} the Overseers of the poor for the poor-House as p^{r} his Acc^{t}	23,,86
Samuel Ward for Articles d^{d} the Overseers of the poor at the poor House as pr his Acc^{t}	11,,56
Capt Peter Slater for money paid for the Town and Articles d^{d} for the poor House as p^{r} his Acc^{t}	15,,40
Nathan White & Lewis Chapin for perambulating & renewing the lines between Worcester, Leicester, Ward and Millbury as per their Acc^{t}	6,,00
Thos. Nichols & Thos. Chamberlain for perambulating & renewing the lines between Worcester, Paxton & Holden as per their Acc^{t}	3,,00
Lewis Barnard & Reuben Gleson for perambulating the lines between Worcester Boylston & Shrewsbury as per their Acc^{t}	3,,00
Nathan White for making three Guide-Posts and putting the same up as per his Acc^{t}	2,,50
The Assessors for their services for the year 1820 as per their Account	60,,00
Leonard Clark for Hops & Ashes d^{d} Gray for the poor-House as per his Acc^{t}	3,,27
Benj^{a}. Thaxter for articles supplied Mrs Grace Wheaton a Town poor as per his Acct	29,,75
Jedediah Healy for two Coffins Diging Two Graves (Paupers & Strangers) and repairing the Towns Hearse and Harness as per his Acc^{t}	22,,92
John F. Clark for making 18 Pair of Shoes for the Town's poor $9,48 Ballance for Lemuel Harris, Board when in the House of Correction 1,89	11,,37

Ebenezer Whitney for weaving 17 Yds of Wool Cloth for the poor at the poor-House per Acct	1,,36
Lucretia Willington for weaving 39 Yds of Woolen Cloth for the poor at the poor House as per her Acct	2,,77
William Johnson for making 12 pr of Shoes for the poor at the Poor-House for the year 1819 and the beginning of 1820 as per his Acct	11,,13
Lewis Barnard for 3 Bushels of Rye omited in his last account to making 48 Barrels of Cyder at 6d	7,,00
Worcester January 15th 1821 Total	$511,,97

All which is Respectfully submitted

Abraham Lincoln
Nath[l] Stowell
John Flagg
Peter Slater
William Eaton
} Committee

On motion being made & secon[d]ed to dissolve this meeting It was dissolved accordingly

Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote in town affairs, in the choice of Town Officers, held at the South-Meeting House in said town, on Monday the twelfth day of March One thousand eight hundred & twenty-one agreeably to the Warrant

The following Persons were chosen into office and the following votes passed viz.

Abraham Lincoln Esq. Moderator

Benjamin Chapin, Town Clerk. Sworn by the Moderator as per Certificate on file

Abraham Lincoln, Nathaniel Stowell, Peter Slater, William Eaton, George Moore, Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor. Sworn March 12th by the Town Clerk.

Abraham Lincoln, John Gleason 2d, Nathaniel Stowell, Assessors. Sworn March 12th

James Wilson, Esq., Town Treasurer.

Abraham Lincoln, Thos. Chamberlain, William Eaton, Committee of Estimates.

Art. 4th Voted to postpone that article[1] to the adjournment of this meeting.

Art. 5th Voted to raise Sixteen Hundred Dollars to defray the expenses for supporting the public Schools the current year.

Voted to reconsider the preceeding vote.

Voted to raise Seventeen Hundred Dollars to support the Public Schools the current year.

Voted that the money be expended in the same way and manner as last year.

Reuben Wheeler, Joseph Daniels, Jr., Uriel Johnson, Jonathan Harrington, James Gleason, Luther Johnson, Nathaniel Stowell, Paul Shepard, Asa Rice, School Committee.

Article 6th Voted to raise Two Thousand Dollars to repair the public Roads the present year.

Voted to expend the money in the same way and manner as last year.

Cyrus Merrick, Henry Heywood, *Benjamin White, *Nath[l]. Stowell, *Samuel Sturtefant, *Paul Goodale, Jr., *John Gleason, 2d, †John Boice, Ebenezer Reed, Jr., *Joel Gleason, *Micah Johnson, Jr., †Stafford Newton, Sam[l]. T. Reed, *Abel Flagg, *Nathan Perry, *Thos. Nichols, Jr., Nath[l]. Gates, William Goss, Lewis Barnard, Highway Surveyors & Collectors.

*John Miller, Nathan Heard, Jr., Clerks of the Market.

*Daniel Goulding, Pound Keeper.

Levi Lincoln, Agent.

Levi Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln, Sam[l]. Hathaway, Milton Earle, Peter Slater, Jacob Miller, Fire-Wards.

Voted to refer the choice of Tythingmen.

Nath[l] Eaton, Anthony Chase, Sealers of Leather.

Simeon Duncan, W[m]. T. Alexander, *Baily Clements, Cullers of Hoops & Staves.

*John W. Hubbard, *Peter Slater, *Cyrus Merrick, *Uriel Johnson, *John H. Knight, *Lemuel Morse, *Leonard W. Stowell, *Wm. Harrington, *Daniel Goddard, Benoni Smith, *Archibald Willard, Austin Harrington, *Benjamin White, Simon S. Gates, *John P. Kettell, *James Campbell, Jr., Ira M'Farland, Benj[a]. B.

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[1] ARTICLE 4:—To raise money for necessary town charges.

* Sworn. † Affirmed.

Tucker, *Sam[l]. Loveland, *George Edwards, *Nahum Willington, Samuel Putnam, James Roulstone, Russell Eaton, Hog-Reeves.

Art. 3[d] Samuel Allen Esq. had Sixty-one Votes for County Treasurer.

*Ebenezer Reed, Jr., Alpheus Merrifield, Surveyors of Boards and Shingles.

Thos. Chamberlain, Sam[l]. T. Reed, *Leonard Clark, *Reuben Gleason, Jonas Johnson, Lewis Cutting, *Rufus Porter, *Ephraim Mower, Fence-Viewers.

*Joel Gates, Benj[a]. Reed, *Daniel Stearns, Henry Heywood, *Amos Whitney, *Arthur Adlington, *John H. Knight, *William Stowell, Field-Drivers.

*William Harrington, *Reuben Munroe, Nathan Heard, Jr., *Asa Hamilton, Measurers of Wood.

Voted not to choose Constables untill the adjournment.

Abraham Lincoln, Benj[a]. Thaxter, William Eaton, Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer.

Voted not to choose a Committee to visit Schools till the adjournment.

Voted not to have the Swine go at large the current year.

Voted not to have Neat Cattle, Horses nor Mules go at large the current year.

Art. 12th Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to settle that subject[1] in the best way and manner for the Interest of the Town.

Art. 11th. Voted to refer that article.[2]

Art. 14th Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to sell at auction or private sale the land and give a quit claim Deed if they think it for the interest of the town.[3]

Voted to pay the Selectmen for the year Eighteen Hundred and Fourteen the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-seven Dollars & fifty five cents in full for their services in transacting the Town affairs that year they having been put to unusual trouble and expence said year to be paid out of the Town-Treasury money

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[1] ARTICLE 12:—"To see if the town will sell or exchange a small piece of land with Abner Harlow."

[2] Report in relation to the town bonds.

[3] ARTICLE 14:—"To see if the Town will sell a small piece of land where the Malt-House formerly owned by Capt. Daniel Goulding now stands."

* Sworn.

in said Treasury not otherwise appropriated and the Treasurer ordered to pay the same accordingly.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the First Monday in May next at 3 OClock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieut. Governor holden on the second day of April being the first Monday in said Month in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and twenty-one for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Lieut. Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons viz.

For William Eustis,	191	Governor
John Brooks,	166	
Josiah Quincy	5	
For Levi Lincoln	152	Lieut Governor
Joseph B. Varnum	1	
William Phillips	167	

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Counsellors & Senators, holden on the second day of April, being the first Monday in s'd Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one for the purpose of giving in their votes for Counsellors and Senators for the District of Worcester County. The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, & declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons viz.

For Jonas Sibley	192	Silas Holman	1	Counsellors & Senators
Warren Rawson	192	Stephen Williams	1	
James Estabrook	191	Benjamin Adams	6	
Moses Thomas	192	Bezaleel Taft Jr.	2	
Aaron Tufts	162	Eliezer James	1	
Salem Town Jr.	163	Zadock Gates	2	
John Shepley	164	Edmund Cushing	1	
Nathaniel Jones	163			

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives, holden at the South Meeting-House in said town, on Monday the second day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty-one for the choice of a Register of Deeds.

Art. 1. Chose Abraham Lincoln, Moderator.

Art. 2. The votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester were then brought in sorted & counted & were for

Otis Corbett	86
Oliver Fiske	72
Artemas Ward	165
Aaron Tufts	7

Meeting Dissolved.

A True Entry, Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk of Worcester

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At a legal meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote for Senators or Representatives, holden at the South Meeting House on the Second Monday of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred & twenty-one pursuant to a Resolution of the Convention of Delegates, assembled at Boston, on the 15th of Nov. 1820 for the purpose of Revising the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

The votes on the several amendments submitted by the Convention, were as follows.

Article the First	Yeas	106	Nays	99
Art. 2	Yeas	161	Nays	41

Art. 3	Yeas	177	Nays	34
Art. 4	Yeas	155	Nays	46
Art. 5	Yeas	64	Nays	139
Art. 6	Yeas	148	Nays	39
Art. 7	Yeas	133	Nays	70
Art. 8	Yeas	191	Nays	12
Art. 9	Yeas	161	Nays	41
Art. 10	Yeas	61	Nays	140
Art. 11	Yeas	161	Nays	42
Art. 12	Yeas	166	Nays	37
Art. 13	Yeas	166	Nays	18
Art. 14	Yeas	156	Nays	46

A True Entry. Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, held at the South Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

1st Voted the Town be represented in the General Court this year.

2 Voted to send one Representative.

3 Chose Abraham Lincoln Esq. the Representative to the General Court.

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs, held at the South Meeting House in said Town, on the seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one the following votes were passed viz.

1st Chose Abraham Lincoln Moderator.

2[d]. Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee to appoint a person to superintend the Burying Grounds and to regulate or supperintend the Funerals which may occur in Town.[1]

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk.

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[1] "—And have the immediate care of the Town's Hearse," etc.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in town affairs and for the choice of Town Officers, holden at the South Meeting-House in said Town on the First Monday of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one by adjournment from the twelfth day of March last.

Voted that the collection of Taxes be put up to the lowest bidder. Struck off at Three Cents and four Mills on the dollar to M^r. John Flagg. & Sworn Dec. 8th 1821

Chose William Eaton & *John Flagg, Constables.

Clergy of the Town, Selectmen, John Davis, Joseph Mann, Daniel Stone, Samuel Perry, Benj^a. Flagg, Ebenezer Read, J^r. Lewis Barnard, Reuben Gleason, Saml. T. Read, Committee to visit the Schools.

Voted to excuse Cyrus Merrick as Highway Surveyor.

Chose *Samuel Hathaway in his stead.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee of Estimates which is as follows

"The Committee appointed at the Annual March Meeting last to examine and make an Estimate of such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the usual and common expenses of the Town the Current Year, have attended to that Subject & Report to enable the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor to fulfill their engagements in behalf of the Town, for supporting the Poor at the Poor-House with necessary Articles more than what can be procured from the farm Clothing, West India Goods and the support of three of the Town's Poor put out, paying the Man and his family for carrying on and superintending said Poor Establishment, Physician Bills, Blacksmith work and the common and usual Contingent expenses arising within the Town the present year

It will be necessary to grant the following sums, to be assessed upon the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town; viz.

For supporting the Poor at the Poor House in necessary Articles which cannot be obtained from said Farm Clothing the poor their physician's Bills W. I. Goods Including the Board of the Superintendent & his family $550,

* Sworn.

For Supporting Mary Temple, Keziah Morse and Grace Wheaton, Town's poor, not at the Poor-House put out at different places	220,
For paying the Man & his family for supperintending and carrying on said Establishment	210,
Paying probably some hired help in the course of the year	30,
for Roads, Bridges, Posts & Guide Boards over and above the Highway Taxes	100,
Purchasing some Stock and farming utensials for the Establishment	150,
for the Common & usual Contingent expenses arising in the Town yearly such as keeping the Town Stock of Powder good as it may be drawn for musters repairing Engines & Engine Houses Buckets, Lawsuits purchasing Rails Posts &c	450,
for Collectors Commissions for collecting Taxes the present year, Treasurers pay, the Assessors pay for making a Town valuation, the Highway State County and Town Taxes; also the present year a State Valuation and the abatement of Taxes	400,
	$2110,00
From which you may deduct for Ground Rent and the Interest on the Town Bonds the present year	357,
To be raised & assessed upon the Polls & Estates	$1753,00

All which is Respectfully Submitted

Abraham Lincoln
Thos. Chamberlain } Committee
William Eaton

D^{r}. The Town of Worcester in Acc^{t} Current with James Wilson Treasurer of said Town for the year 1820

1820 To payment of the following Orders

May 4	No. 1	Moses N. Child	$ 8,86
	2	Reuben Munroe	4,50
	3	Abraham Lincoln	14,90
	4	James Williams	15,09
	5	John Davis	35,27
	6	Thomas Nichols	8,30

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7	Cyrus Lovell	110,96	
8	Lewis Chapin	147,04	
9	Cornelius Stowell	35,24	
10	John Gleason 2d	327,00	
			707,16
11	John Gleason 2d	217,34	
12	Daniel Tatman	140,90	
13	Benjamin Chapin	48,80	
14	David Taft	87,00	
15	Samuel Black	105,59	
16	John Gleason 2d	194,	
17	Lewis Chapin	68,86	
18	William Chamberlain	145,50	
19	John Gleason 2d	98,02	
20	Rebekah Baldwin	200,	
			1306,01
21	Thos. & John Sutton	54,07	
22	Francis & Jona. Harrington	69,33	
23	Lewis Barnard	121,38	
24	The Town of Boston	45,68	
25	A. Lincoln R. and John Gleason	60,	
26	Peter Slater	15,40	
27	Henry M. Sikes	25,97	
28	Daniel Willington	24,77	
29	Levi Lincoln	410,62	
30	Luke Gray	274,73	
			1101,95
31	Elijah Flagg	7,50	
32	Saml. & James Harrington	2,16	
33	Theophilus Wheeler	15,	
34	Daniel Willington	11,46	
35	John Gleason 2d	100,	
36	Lewis Barnard	8,50	
37	Charles Putnam	84,87	
			229,49
38	Nathan Heard Jr.	247,32	
39	Abraham Lincoln	167,49	
40	Stiles Homer	11,00	
41	Abraham Lincoln	16,95	
42	Abner Harlow	6,11	
43	Benjamin Maynard	9,96	

	44	Levi Rice	3,50	
	45	Town of Dedham	20,00	
1821 May 5				
	46	William Morse	9,12	
	47	Lucretia Willington	2,77	
	48	Martha Whitney	2,56	
	49	Nathan White & Lewis Chapin	6,00	
	50	Levi Lincoln	39,22	
		Treasurers Commission for his services the past year	20,00	
				562,00
		Amount of Taxes in the hands of Alpheus Merrifield Collector of Taxes for 1811 & 1812 Uncollected		125,20
		Amount of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason 2d Collector of Taxes for 1819 & 1820 Uncollected		6103,43
		Amount of Cash in the Treasury this day unpaid out		991,62
		The ballance charged to the Treasurer to be subsequently accounted for		$7220,25
				$11126,86

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1820 May 1st		By balance of Taxes, in the hands of Alpheus Merryfield Collector of Taxes for the years 1811 and 1812 $125,20—Also the ballance of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason 2d the present Collector, for the years 1817, 1818 & 19 Uncollected $6281,35 also Cash remaining in the Treasury this day $356,10 in the whole amounting to $6762,65 agreeable to the report of the Towns Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer		6762,65
Dec. 1821		By Assessors Certificates of Taxes for the present year committed to John Gleason 2d & charg'd by me to him		3731,41
March 22		By amount receiv'd of the Selectmen for a fat Ox		63,50
May 5		By amount receiv'd of the Selectmen Interest on Town Bonds, as by their Acct stated with the Town		357,05

By amount receiv'd of the Selectmen for paupers and Commonwealth	196,25
1820 May 2	
By Cash of Samuel Black, Reuben Wheeler, John W. Hubbard, Ebenezer Read, Winsor Goulding, Robert Henry, Paul Goodale Jr. and Elisha Flagg on the Militia law for their Exemption	16,00
	$11126,86

Worcester May 7th 1821

The Committee appointed by the Town to settle the Treasurers Account for the last year after a carefull examination of the Account by him exhibited, find the same correctly stated and rightly cast, and that he has charged the Town with the sum of Three Thousand nine hundred and six Dollars and sixty-one Cents and that he has credited the Town with the sum of Eleven Thousand one hundred and twenty-six Dollars and eighty-six Cents receiv'd by him, and outstanding in the hands of the Collectors, leaving a ballance in favor of the Town of Seven Thousand two hundred and twenty Dollars and twenty-five Cents now in his hands or the hands of the Collectors to be hereafter accredited to the Town and to be accounted for by him in his future Account; The Treasurers Commissions for the past year having been deducted from the Credit leaving the ballance aforesaid, and which ballance includes the money paid into the Treasury for militia exempts.

Abraham Lincoln }
Ephraim Mower } Committee

The Selectmen's Report of the Town's Bonds

Date of each Bond	Amount of each Bond $. Cts.	Names of the Principals Names of the Sureties
1805 April 1st		Samuel Flagg's Ground Lease
1819 Dec 1st	103	John W. Hubbard Nathaniel Paine and David Richards
Do	408 , 62	Stephen Goddard Benjs. Goddard & John Miller
Do	89 , 10	Samuel Flagg Willard Moore
1818 Dec. 1st	78 , 67	Joel Putnam Samuel & Charles Putnam
1808 Oct 1st	142 , 00	Daniel Denny David Richards & Ephm. Mower
1812 Dec. 1st	161 , 58	Reuben Gleson James Gleson & Amos Flagg
Dec. 1 1816	141 , 00	John Jones Simon Gates & William Paine 2d
Dec. 1 1818	230	Benjs. Goddard Moses N. Child & Stephen Goddard
Dec. 1st 1812	125 , 00	Benjs. Chapin Timothy Bancroft
Dec. 1 1811	119 , 44	Silas Bigelow George Moore & Luther Rice
Dec. 1 1813	246 , 67	William Chamberlain Willard Moore & Peter Slater
Dec. 1 1815	133 , 33	Nathan White Israel Whitney & Ephm. Mower
Dec. 1 1812	125 , 00	William Coes Thaddeus Chapin
Dec. 1 1816	418 , 11	Abraham Lincoln John Gleson & Ephraim Mower
Dec. 1 1817	87 , 50	William Eaton Peter Slater & Levi Rice
Dec 1 1805	86 , 67	Nathl Stowell Thos. Rice & Paul Gates
Dec 1 1819	69 , 33	Jedediah Healy Saml. Ward & Saml. Warden

May 7th Anno Domini 1821.

The time the Interest is paid on each bond	The Amt of the Interest	
	Dollars Cents.	
Dec. 1st. 1820	20	
Do	6 , 18	
Do	24 , 52	
Do	5 , 34	
Do	4 , 72	
Do	8 , 52	
Do	9 , 70	
Do	8 , 46	
Do	13 , 80	
Do	7 , 50	
Do	7 , 17	
Do	14 , 80	
Do	8 ,	
Do	7 , 50	
Do	25 , 09	
Do	5 , 25	
Do	5 , 20	
Do	4 , 16	

Dec. 1 1809	115 , 18	Amherst Eaton Wm Eaton & Saml. Curtis
Dec. 1 1815	133 , 87	Samuel Stowell Amherst Eaton & Wm Eaton
Dec. 1 1816	633 , 18	Edward Randall John Flagg & Luke Randall
Dec. 1 1805	449 , 44	Levi Lincoln Levi Jr. & J. W. Lincoln
Dec. 1 1811	300 , 75	Rufus Porter Joel Gates & Lewis Bigelow
Dec. 1 1818	110	Mary Wheeler Wm. Eaton Jr. & Wm. Harrington
Dec. 1 1809	230	Moses N. Child Wm. Moore & Paul Shepard
Dec. 1 1811	292 , 56	Ephraim Mower John Gleson & Thos. G. Mower
Dec. 1 1809	75 , 83	Willard Moore Wm. Moore & Wm. Chamberlain
Dec. 1 1811	336 , 66	Thomas Chamberlain Wm Chamberlain & David Curtis
Dec. 1 1819	51 , 86	William Eaton Jr. Rufus Porter & Wm. Eaton
Dec. 1 1817	87 , 50	Levi Rice Wm. Eaton & Peter Slater
Dec. 1 1815	35 ,	Cornelius Stowell Thos. Johnson & Abel Stowell
Principal	$5616 , 83	

Worcester, May 7th 1821

Receiv'd of the Selectmen the sum of three hundred and fifty seven Dollars & five cents in full for the Interest and Ground Rent as above stated

James Wilson, Town Treasurer

Do	6 , 91
Do	8 , 05
Do	37 , 99
Do	26 , 97
Do	18 , 05
Do	6 , 60
Do	13 , 80
Do	17 , 56
Do	4 , 55
Do	20 , 20
Do	3 , 11
Do	5 , 25
Do	2 , 10
	$357 , 05

Abraham Lincoln
Nathaniel Stowell
Peter Slater
William Eaton
George Moore
} Selectmen of Worcester

The above Report was read & accepted

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives, holden at the South Meeting-House in said town, on Monday the Twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one for the choice of a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester.

Art. 1. Chose Abraham Lincoln Esq. Moderator.

Art. 2. Chose Abraham Lincoln, Nathaniel Stowell, Peter Slater, William Eaton, George Moore, Committee to sort and count the votes.

3d. The votes for a Register of Deeds, were brought in sorted & counted & were for

Artemas Ward—Two Hundred & twenty-two.
Oliver Fiske—Twenty-seven.
Amasa Nichols—Seven.
Charles Phelps—One.

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote in Town Affairs, held at the South Meeting House on Monday the Tenth day of November A. D. 1821 the following Votes were passed viz.

1st Chose Abraham Lincoln Esq. Moderator.

2d Chose the Selectmen of said town be the Committee to receive examine & allow any demands that are or may be exhibited, against the Town, and to report at the adjournment of this meeting.

3d Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 24th Instant at Two of the Clock P. M. at this place. Adjourn'd accordingly.

Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, held at the South Meeting House on Monday the 24th day of December AD 1821 by adjournment from the 10th Instant the following is the proceedings of said meeting viz.

Abraham Lincoln Esq. Moderator.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on Accounts which is as follows viz.

"The Committee appointed by the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester at legal meeting on the Tenth of Dec. 1821 to receive examine and allow the accounts and demands exhibited against the Town and Report at the adjournment of said meeting have attended to the subject, and now Report, that they find due to the Towns and persons hereafter named the several sums set against each of their names viz.

		$ Cents
N°. 1	To John Rogers for Nursing taking Care & feeding an Infant Child of Jesse Gleason deceas'd 32 weeks at 67 cents p^{r}. week $21,44 & Nursing Mrs. Gleason previous to her death 3 days & attendance 1,33	22,,77
2	Doc^{t}. A. Holbrook for Doctering Jesse Gleason & his wife in their last sickness and after they became paupers of this Town	4,,75
3	Luke Dodge for his supplies & taking care of said Jesse and family in their last sickness as per his Acc^{t} from which a deduction for potatoes he took	23,,00
4	Samuel Damans for Supplies made to said Gleason and Family their Coffins paying for digding their Graves as p^{r}. his Acc^{t}	22,,44
5	Town of Rehoboth Boarding Clothing Nursing Doctering Abigail Temple a town pauper from Jany 2^{d} 1820 to April 24th 1821—68 weeks as per their Acc^{t}	118,,01
6	Town of Boston for Supporting W^{m}. Thos. & Elisha Gleason Sons of W^{m}. Gleason late of Boston deceas'd & Grand children of Thos. Gleason of Worcester deceasd they being Paupers & chargeable to Worcester until we took them from Boston as per Acc^{t}. exhibited	94,,89
7	Town of Bolton for Supplies made for Luke Brown & family & Doctors Bill as per Acc^{t} exhibited	19,,79
8	Nathl. Harrington & Sons for Boarding Clothing nursing Keziah Morse a Town Pauper from Dec 1st 1820 to Dec 1st 1821 one year as per Acc^{t}	78,,00

9	John Gleason Jr. for 60 lbs of Clover Seed for the Towns farm as per his Acct	8,,40
10	Abraham Lincoln for Cash per Supplies made for the Poor at the poor House $111,79 Also Supplies made to Grace Wheaton a Town Pauper $19,23 as per his Acct	131,,02
11	Calvin Darby for Carding 77 lbs Sheeps Wool for the poor establishment as per his Acct	6,,16
12	William Harrington 20 lbs Clover seed 1820 —4 Rakes and two Whet-Stones for the Towns farm as per his Acct	5,,07
13	Stephen Brooks for Labor done on the Barn &c for this Town as per his Acct.	14,,92
14	Mrs. Sarah Thaxter for Supplies made to W° Grace Wheaton, House Rent, Wood &c as pr her Acct	50,,95
15	Thomas Tracy for Boarding & taking care of Benja. Crosby a Town Pauper as per his Acct	5,,00
16	Abner Harlow for Sawing Boards & Plank as per his Acct.	1,,76
17	John Homer for Lime & Building a new Oven as pr. Act	6,,00
18	Benja. Chapin for Doctering the Poor one year and Recording Deaths & Births as per his Acct	28,,80
19	Elisha Smith for Plowing Mrs Grace Wheatons Garden Banking the House & hoeing Garden as per his Acct	3,,00
20	John W. Lincoln as per his Acct	2,,54
21	Jonas Johnson for Plank for Repairing Bridges	3,,90
22	Chloe Williams for taking Care & Nursing Simeon Smith in his last sickness after he made a request	10,,00
23	Assessors to taking State Valuation &c per their Acct particularly stated	87,,00
24	Assessors for making Highway Town State & County Taxes Valuation Warrants Certificates & Recording the same as per their Acct	60,,00
25	Henry M. Sikes for Articles Shirting & Sheeting and deliv'd Overseers for the Poor as per his Acct.	26,,80

26 Daniel Willington for Blacksmiths work done for the Poor farm &c as per his Acᵗ. 11,,14

27 Samˡ Ward for Plank & Spikes for a Barn floor and for Engine House as per his Accᵗ. 8,,72

28 George Moore for his men working 9 days at planting on the farm as per his Accᵗ 7,,25

29 Peter Slater for Articles supplied the Town and going to Holden several times to see Jesse Gleasons family Piece of Sheeting as per his Accᵗ 13,,11

30 Nathaniel Stowell weaving 51 yds Cloth a Plough and an Iron Bar for poor House & farm as per Accᵗ 9,,06

31 Thos. B. Eaton for three Coffins digding 3 Graves vizᵗ. for Phinehas Heywood Henry Brawtz & Simeon Smith and Cash paid for a pair long Reins mending Hinge for the Grave Yard 14,,25

32 Jacob Miller for making 2100 Cartridges taking care of Powder-House drying Powder and Running 1053 Balls for the Town Stock 11,,90

Worcester, Dec. 24th 1821

all which is respectfully submitted

Abraham Lincoln
Nathaniel Stowell
Peter Slater
William Eaton
George Moore
} Committee

Voted to dissolve this meeting; done accordingly.

A true Entry Attest Benjᵃ. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote in Town Affairs, held at the South-Meeting House in said town on Monday the Fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two agreeably to the warrant.

The following persons were chosen into office as attached to their names respectively; likewise the following votes were passed.

1st Chose Abraham Lincoln Esq. Moderator.

2d Chose Benjamin Chapin, Town Clerk. Sworn by Abm. Lincoln Esq. as per Certificate on file.

Abraham Lincoln, *William Eaton, George Moore, William Chamberlain, John Gleason, Jr. Selectmen.

Voted that the Selectmen be Overseers of the Poor the current year.

Abraham Lincoln, John Gleason Jr. Nathaniel Stowell, Assessors. Sworn March 4th by the Town Clerk.

James Wilson, Esq., Town Treasurer.

Voted to raise Seventeen Hundred Dollars to support the Public Schools the present year and the money be laid out in the same way and manner as last year.

Chose Alpheus Merrifield, Abel Flagg, Henry Heywood, William Barber, Francis Grout, Jonathan Harrington, Saml. T. Reed, Otis Corbett, Thos. Chamberlain, School Committee.

Clergy and Selectmen of the Town, Rejoice Newton, Thos. Chamberlain, Daniel Stone, Gardner Burbank, Benjamin Flagg, Ebenezer Read, Jr. Walter Bigelow, Cyrus Lovell, Saml. T. Read, Committee to visit the Schools in the several school districts in town; the present year.

Voted to raise the same sum to repair the Public Roads & Bridges as was raised last year and to have it expended in the same way and manner.

Voted that the best of Oxen be allowed One Dollar per day when at work on the Highways and that ordinery Oxen be allowed in proportion to their usefulness.

Voted not to choose Constables till the adjournment of this meeting.

*Rejoice Newton, *Uriel Johnson, *Israel Whitney, Elijah Harrington, *James Harrington, *John H. Knight, *Rufus Porter, *Wm Trowbridge, Jr., *Jeremiah Harrington, *Daniel Chadwick, *Ebenezer Gates, †Guy S. Newton, Dea. John Nelson, *John Flagg, *Samuel Perry, *Thos. Chamberlain, Nathaniel Gates, *Ephraim Curtis, *Samuel Black, Surveyors & Collectors of Highways.

Abraham Lincoln, William Eaton, Nathl. Stowell, Committee of Estimates.

Levi Lincoln, Agent for the Town.

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* Sworn. † Affirmed.

John Ranks, John Miller, Clerks of the Market.

Daniel Goulding, Pound Keeper.

Levi Lincoln, Reuben Munroe, William Eaton, Lewis Bigelow, John W. Lincoln, John Miller, Jacob Miller, Otis Corbett, Rejoice Newton, Fire Wards.

Abraham Lincoln, William Eaton, Ephraim Mower, Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer.

William Eaton, *Thomas Howe, Sealers of Leather.

Paul Shepard, Baily Clements, Cullers of Hoops & Staves.

John Miller, Lewis Bigelow, Surveyors of Boards and Shingles.

Thos. Chamberlain, *Jonathan Harrington, *Nathan Heard, Jr. George Moore, *Silas Brooks, *Jonathan Flagg, Fence Viewers.

*Benjamin Newton, *Clark Willington, *Elijah Flagg, Arthur Adlington, *Elisha Smith, *Samuel Ward, *Lewis Cutting, Asa Gates, *Benjamin N. Childs, *Thomas Stowell, *Rufus Porter, *John Boyden, Field Drivers.

William Harrington, *Asa Hamilton, Reuben Munroe, Nathan Heard, Jr., Measurers of Wood.

Voted not to have the Swine go at large the current year.

Voted not to have Neat Cattle, Horses and Mules go at large this year.

Voted to postpone the Report of the Selectmen respecting Town Bonds.

Votes for a County Treasurer were One hundred and twenty two; all given for Samuel Allen Esq.

12th Art. Voted to dismiss said Article.[1]

*Samuel Allen, Esq., James Barber, *Willard Moore, *Simeon Burt, †John M. Earle, Benja. F. Heywood, *Saml. B. Manning, *Peleg Hunt, Oliver Wight, Jr., Timothy W. Bancroft, *Daniel T. Haynes, *Thomas Sutton, John Sutton, *Hiram Cobleigh, *Samuel Perry, *Amherst Eaton, Jr., *Thomas Nichols, Jr., *James Pike, *John Tatman, Jr., Oliver Curtis, Jr., Phinehas Goodnough, *Jabez Rice, *Nathaniel Brooks, 2d, Ezekiel Fowler, William Cushman, Benja. N. Childs, *Asa Rice, *Leonard Worcester, *Clark Elder, *Uriah Stone, Hog-Reeves.

Voted to adjourn this meeting until the First Monday of May next at Two of the Clock in the afternoon. Adjourn'd accordingly.

Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

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[1] ARTICLE 12:—"To see if the town will purchase a Pasture for the accommodation of the Poor Establishment." * Sworn. † Affirmed.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held at the South Meeting House in said Town on the first day of April AD 1822 being the first Monday in said month qualified to vote for Governor Lieut Governor & Senators the following persons had the number of votes annex'd to their names viz.

William Eustis	191	For Governor.
John Brooks	166	
William Sullivan	2	
Levi Lincoln	172	For Lieut. Governor.
William Phillips	169	
Jonathan Russell	1	
Josiah Quincy	1	
Henry Dearborn	1	

Jonas Sibley	192	John Davis	2
Edmund Cushing	189	Abraham Lincoln	2
James Estabrook	188	Samuel Mixter	1
Warren Rawson	189	Henry Sargent	1
David Wadsworth	188	Joseph Allen	2
Benj[a]. Adams	167	Austin Flint	1
Aaron Tufts	167	James Draper	1
Stephen P. Gardner	167	James Draper J[r].	1
Salem Town J[r].	156	Bezaleel Taft J[r].	1
Nath[l]. Jones	156	Jonas Kendall	2
Silas Holman	1		

For Senators

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held at the South Meeting House in said Town, on the first of April AD 1822 qualified to vote in Town affairs, the following votes were passed viz.

1st Chose Abraham Lincoln, Moderator.

2[d] Voted to give Sally Wheaton One Dollar per week for nursing her mother Grace Wheaton since she became a Pauper; to the present time.[1]

Meeting Dissolved.

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk of Worcester.

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[1] On the application of Jonathan Gleason, Jr., and many others.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, held at the South Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two.

1st Voted the Town to be represented in the General Court this year.

2d Voted to send Three Representatives.

3d Chose Abraham Lincoln, William Eaton, Levi Lincoln, Representatives.

A True Entry. Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the South-Meeting House in said Town on Monday the 6th of May AD 1822.

the following votes were passed viz.

1st Chose Abraham Lincoln, Moderator.

2 Chose Samuel M. Burnside, Edward D. Bangs, Austin Denny, John W. Hubbard, Levi Lincoln, Committee to investigate the subject and to report at the adjournment of this meeting.[1]

3d Voted to adjourn this meeting to the First Monday in November next at Three of the OClock P. M.

Adjourned accordingly.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held at the South-Meeting House in said town on Monday the 6th of May AD 1822 by Adjournment from the Fourth of March last the following were the proceedings of said meeting viz.

Chose John Gleason, Jr., *John Coolidge, *John Gleason, Jr. Constables.

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[1] ARTICLE 2:—"To see if the Town will repair the Clocks on the South and North-Meeting Houses in said Town and Keep the same in repair the Current year, agreeable to the petition or application of Lewis Barnard & many others.

* Sworn.

*John Gleason, Jr., Collector.

Voted that the Collector receive Two Cents and Seven Mills on the dollar for collection.

The following Report was read & accepted.

"The Committee appointed at the annual Meeting in March last, to examine and make an Estimate of Such Sums of money as probably will be necessary for the support of the Poor and to defray the usual & common expenses of the Town the Current year, have attended to the subject and submit the following Report; to enable the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor to fulfill their engagement in behalf of the town for supporting the Poor at the Poor-House including the Boarding of the Superintendent & family with necessary articles more & such as cannot be procured from the Farm, Clothing & West India Goods and the expence of supporting four of the Town Paupers at different places not at said Poor-House, paying the Superintendent & his family their wages for superintending & carrying on the said Poor Establishment one year Physicians Bill, Blacksmith work, purchasing some fenceing Stuff & Stock, and the Contingent and usual expenses arising within the Town yearly, it will be necessary to Grant the following sums to be assessed upon the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town viz.

For supporting the Poor at the Poor House and the family with necessary articles which cannot be procured from the Farm Clothing for the Poor, Bed Clothing West India Goods Physician's Bill some household Utensels	$350,—
For supporting four of the Town Paupers not at the Poor-House viz Abigail Temple at Rochester Kezia Morse W^do^ Grace Wheaton in Town an Infant child of Jesse Gleason at Holden	370,—
For pay for the Superintendent and his family for superintending & carrying on the poor Establishment one year on Contract	385,—
for Roads & Bridges Guide Posts & Boards over and above what is done by the highway Taxes	100,—
for the Contingent expences usually arising within the Town yearly and probably what will arise the Current year repairing Engine House long & short Hoes for the Engines Stock for the Farm Rails and Posts for the said farm Roads contemplated to be made & Law suits & C.	500,—

* Sworn.

for the Collectors Commissions for collecting the State County & Town Taxes, Abatements, Treasurer's pay, and the Assessors pay for making the Town's Valuation State County & Town Taxes	350,
	$2055, 0
From which you may deduct for Ground Rent and the yearly Interest upon the Town Bonds	357,
	$1698, 0

Worcester, May 6th, 1822.

All which is Respectfully Submitted

Abraham Lincoln
William Eaton
Nathaniel Stowell
} Committee

Dr. The Town of Worcester in Acct Current with James Wilson Treasurer of said Town for the year AD 1821

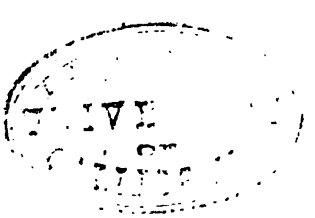
1821 May 21 To payment of the following Orders.

N°. 1	Rebeckah Baldwin	814,,58		
1822 Jany 4				
2	Jacob Miller	11,,90		
3	Curtis Rice	7,,00		
4	Doct. Benja. Chapin	28,,80		
5	James Wilson	65,,		
6	Widow Sarah Thaxter	50,,95		
7	Benja. Thaxter	29,,75		
8	John M. Reed	100,,		
9	Elisha Smith	3,,00		
10	The first Parish in Worcester	161,,27		
			1272	25
11	Abraham Lincoln	89,,66		
12	John Gleason Jr.	9,,40		
13	Nathan White	2,,50		
14	Asa Rice	113,,39		
15	Daniel Willington	11,,14		
16	Thomas B. Eaton	14,,25		
17	The Town of Rochester	118,,01		
18	Jonathan Harrington	80,,63		
19	Joseph Daniels	73,,01		
20	Stephen Brooks	14,,92		
			525	91
21	George Moore	7,,25		
22	John M. Reed	150,,00		

23	James Gleason	110„34	
24	Reuben Gleason	1„50	
25	Daniel Smith	72„59	
26	Benj[a]. Newton	81„80	
27	Samuel Ward	11„56	
28	Assessors A. Lincoln J. Gleason and Nath[l]. Stowell	60„00	
29	John Gleason 2[d]	250„45	
30	Thos. Nichols and Thos. Chamberlain	3„00	
			748 49
31	Green & Heywood	23„05	
32	Peter Slater	6„83	
33	Leonard Clark	3„27	
34	John F. Clark	11„37	
35	John F. Clark	9„01	
36	James Williams	4„51	
37	Thomas Stowell	14„88	
38	Sally Wheaton	101„00	
1822 April 30th			
39	Peter Slater	8„67	
40	Peter Slater J[r].	202„00	
			384 59
41	John Gleason J[r].	649„63	
42	Nathaniel Stowell	129„39	
43	William Eaton	410„66	
44	Paul Shepard	143„11	
45	John Homer	6„00	
46	Uriel Johnson	155„30	
47	Henry M. Sikes	26„80	
48	Cap[t]. Peter Slater	13„11	
49	William Harrington	5„07	
50	John Hair J[r].	3„58	
			1542 65
51	John Rogers	22„77	
52	Nathaniel Stowell	9„06	
53	Nathaniel Harrington	78„00	
54	Luke Dodd	13„66	
55	Samuel Daman	22„44	
56	Selectmen of Worcester	127„55	
57	Abraham Lincoln	12„91	
58	Nathan Heard J[r].	73„28	
59	James Wilson	100„00	
60	William Johnson	11„13	
			470 80

61	Ebenezer Whitney	1,,36	
62	Chloe Williams	10,,00	
63	Oliver. Witherby	2,,50	
64	Abner Harlow	1,,76	
65	Leonard Stowell	7,,76	
66	Thomas & John Sutton	13,,37	
67	Mary Whitney	6,,75	
68	Daniel Denny	2,,06	
69	Abraham Lincoln	131,,02	
70	Assessors of the town of Worcester	87,,00	
			263 58
71	Thomas Tracy	5,,00	
72	Doc[t]. Aaron Holbrook	4,,75	
73	Curtis Rice	7,,81	
74	Mrs. Lucretia Willington	3,,24	
75	The Town of Boston	94,,89	
76	Samuel Ward	8,,72	
77	Abraham Lincoln	30,,84	
78	Jedediah Healy	22,,92	
			178 17
	Treasurers commission for his services the past year		20
			5406 44
	Amount of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason 2[d] Collector of Taxes for the years 1819 & 1820 Uncollected	2181,48	
	Amount of Taxes in the hands of John Flagg Collector of Taxes for the year 1821 Uncollected	2104,21	
	Amount of Cash in the Treasury this day unpaid out	1679,95	
	The ballance charged to the Treasurer to be accounted for in his next account $	5965,64	5965 64
			11372 08
1821 May 5	By ballance of Taxes in the hands of Alpheus Merrifield, Collector of Taxes for the years 1811 & 1812 $125,20 Also the ballance of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason 2[d] the present Collector for the years 1819 & 1820 Uncollected $6103,43 also Cash remaining in the Treasury this day $991,62 in the whole amounting to $7220,25		7220 25
	agreeable to the report of the Towns Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer		

Nov 13			
	By Assessors Certificates of Taxes for the present year committed to John Flagg 1st Collector and charged by me to him	3582	50
	By Assessors Certificate of Taxes in addition to those previously charg'd to John Flagg for the present year, & charg'd by me to him	6	40
1822 May 4			
	By amount receiv'd of the Selectmen for ground Rent & Interest on Town Bonds the last year	357	05
	By Amount for State Paupers & persons Committed to Goal for Debts they being unable to pay	189	88
1821 April 30			
	By Cash of Elisha Flagg on the Militia law for his exemption	2	
May 1	of John W. Hubbard	2	
	of Ebenezer Reed Jr.	2	
	of Samuel Black	2	
	of Reuben Wheeler	2	
	of Benjamin Reed	2	
	of Paul Goodale	2	
	of Levi Lincoln 2d	2	
		11372	08



Selectmen's Report of the Town Bonds

Date of each Bond	Amount of each Bond $. Cts.	Names of the Principals / Names of the Sureties
		Samuel Flagg's Lease for Land
Dec. 1st 1809	230	Moses N. Child Paul Shepard
Dec. 1st 1821	633 , 16	Samuel Sturtevant Lewis Sturtevant Saml Sturtevant John Flagg & Wm. Harrington
Oct 1st 1808	142	Daniel Denny Ephm. Mower & David Richards
Dec. 1st 1819	51 , 86	William Eaton Jr. Rufus Porter
Dec. 1st 1811	292 , 56	Ephraim Mower John Gleason & Thos. G. Mower
Dec. 1st 1818	78 , 67	Joel Putnam Saml Putnam & Charles Putnam
Dec 1st 1819	103	John W. Hubbard Nathl Paine and David Richards
Dec. 1st 1816	418 , 11	Abraham Lincoln Ephm. Mower & John Gleason
Dec 1st 1805	86 , 67	Nathl Stowell Thos. Rice & Paul Gates
Dec. 1st 1811	336 , 66	Thomas Chamberlain Wm Chamberlain & David Curtis
Dec. 1st 1812	161 , 58	Reuben Gleason James Gleason & Amos Flagg
Dec. 1st 1812	125	William Coes Thaddeus Chapin
Dec 1st 1820	408 , 62	James Wilson Stephen Goddard
Dec 1st 1800	230	Benjamin Goddard Moses N. Child & Stephen Goddard
Dec. 1st 1813	246 , 67	William Chamberlain Peter Slater & Willard Moore
Dec. 1st 1815	133 , 33	Nathan White Israel Whitney & Ephm. Mower

May 6th 1822.

The time the Interest is paid on each bond	The Amt of the Interest	
	Dollars Cents.	
Dec. 1st. 1821	20 0	
do	13 , 80	
do	37 , 99	
do	8 , 52	
do	3 , 11	
do	17 , 56	
do	4 , 72	
do	6 , 18	
do	25 , 09	
do	5 , 20	
do	20 , 20	
do	9 , 70	
do	7 , 50	
do	24 , 52	
do	13 , 80	
do	14 , 80	
do	8 , 0	

Dec 1st 1819	69 , 33	Jedediah Healy Saml. Ward & Saml. Warden
Dec. 1st 1821	176 , 60	William Eaton Reuben Munroe & Peter Slater
Dec 1st 1816	141 , 00	John Jones Simon Gates & William Paine
Dec. 1st 1812	125	Benja. Chapin Timothy Bancroft
Dec. 1st 1811	119 , 44	Silas Bigelow George Moore & Luther Rice
Dec. 9 1805	449 , 44	Levi Lincoln Levi Lincoln Jr. & J. W. Lincoln
Dec. 1st 1818	110	Mary Wheeler Samuel Graves Wm. Harrington & Wm. Eaton Jr.
Dec. 1st 1811	300 , 75	Rufus Porter Joel Gates & Lewis Bigelow
Dec. 1st 1815	133 , 87	Samuel Stowell Wm Eaton & Amherst Eaton
Dec. 1st 1809	115 , 18	Amherst Eaton Wm Eaton & Saml. Curtis
Dec. 1st 1809	75 , 83	Willard Moore Wm. Moore & Wm. Chamberlain
Dec. 1st 1817	87 , 50	Levi Rice Wm. Eaton & Peter Slater
Dec. 1st 1815	35	Cornelius Stowell Abel Stowell & Thos. Johnson
	$5616 , 83	Amount of the Bonds

Worcester May 4th 1822 Received of the Selectmen the Sum of Three Hundred & fifty seven Dollars and five cents in full for the Ground Rent and the Interest on the Town Bonds as within stated James Wilson, Town Treasurer

do	4 , 16	
do	10 , 59	This Includes Sam[l] Flaggs Bond given up
do	8 , 46	
do	7 , 50	
do	7 , 17	
do	26 , 97	
do	6 , 60	
do	18 , 05	
do	8 , 05	
do	6 , 91	
do	4 , 55	
do	5 , 25	
do	2 , 10	

Amount $357 , 05 of Interest

Worcester, May 6th, 1822.

Abraham Lincoln
William Eaton
George Moore
William Chamberlain
John Gleason Jr.
} Selectmen of Worcester

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, held at the South Meeting-House on Monday the fourth of Nov. 1822, by adjournment from the 6th of May last the following Vote was passed; & the following Report accepted.

"The Committee, to whom was refered the Subject relative to the repairs of the Clocks on the Meeting Houses of the first & second Parishes in Worcester have attended to the duties, assigned them, and now ask leave to report.

. That in their opinion, the property in the said Meeting Houses, and in the Clocks, belonging thereto is exclusively in the said Parishes respectively; that the Town can legally raise money by assessment, to erect and repair buildings, and to purchase and repair Clocks therefor, to accommodate the Town in its meetings for municipal purposes; that the Town may consequently appropriate monies to pay for the use of such house or houses as it may occupy for town meetings; that in as much as the said Clocks are of general utility, and the town may be saved the expence of erecting a building for its exclusive use, by the alternate occupation of said Parish-houses it is reasonable, that said Clocks should be kept in repair at the charge of the town—Your Committee therefore recommend the passing of the following vote viz.

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to expend such sum, not exceeding One Hundred Dollars, of any monies in the Treasury of the town, not otherwise appropriated, as may be sufficient to keep in repair the meeting house Clocks of the first and second Parishes, for one year from the first of May last; upon condition nevertheless, that said Parishes will permit the Town to assemble in Said houses respectively for the transaction of its municipal business during said year; all which is respectfully submitted,"

Samuel M. Burnside
Per order

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held on the Fourth day of November in the year of Our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty two, for the choice of a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the Worcester South District.

It appearing that Doct. Benjamin Chapin, the Town Clerk, was necessarily absent; Voted to choose by ballot, a Town Clerk pro tem, to officiate at the present meeting.

The ballots being collected, sorted and counted, it appeared that Edward D. Bangs was chosen, who was thereupon sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office by Abraham Lincoln Esquire.

The votes for a Representative to Congress were then collected, sorted and counted, and were declared to be as follows—viz—

For Jonas Sibley	82	Representative to Congress.
Benjamin Adams	71	
Edward D. Bangs	3	
Levi Lincoln	1	
Seth Hastings	1	

A true Entry att. Edward D. Bangs, T. Clerk pro tem.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the South-Meeting House in said Town on Monday the sixteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty two the following votes were passed viz

Chose Abraham Lincoln, Esq. Moderator.

Voted to choose a Committee to examine & allow accounts.

Chose Abraham Lincoln, Thos. Chamberlain, Silas Brooks for said Committee. And that they report at the adjournment of this meeting.

The following Report was read and accepted.

"The Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Worcester, upon the application of Francis Flagg and thirty nine others (put on file in the Town Clerk's Office) Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester have laid in said Town a Town Road from M^r. Francis Flagg's dwelling House through his Land and Messrs. Robert & Charles Blair's Land across to Tacknet Road as follows viz.

Beginning at the Road by the Gate at the Southeast Corner of said Flagg's dwelling House between two Apple-Trees in said Flagg's Land and running thro said Lot untill it meets a Corner of a Stone-Wall of another mowing Lot of said Flagg's cutting off a small Corner of said Wall & Lot; thence on thro said Flagg's Land up to a pair of Bars as it enters into said Blairs Land by a Walnut-Tree marked on the South side of said laid out road being 130 rods thro' said Flagg's Land; thence on thro' said Blair's Lane from said Walnut-Tree in nearly a direct Line coming out by a pair of Bars at Tacknet Road being 40 Rods thro said Blair's

Land and Two rods wide from the Stakes which are erected thro the Laid out road upon the South side of the same.

Worcester, Nov. 25th 1822

Abraham Lincoln
William Eaton
George Moore
Wm. Chamberlain
John Gleason Jr.
} Selectmen of Worcester.

Voted to give Messrs. Robert & Charles Blair One-Hundred Dollars for their Land for said Road they being at the expense of fencing upon said Road.

Voted that the Selectmen be directed, at the completion of the Road, to draw Orders on the Treasurer of the Town to pay Messrs. Blairs for their Land likewise to defray the expences of fencing said Road thro said Flaggs Land & for making said Road.

Know all men by these presents that I Francis Flagg of Worcester in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby voluntarily consent & agree, that should a Town Road be laid out & opened from my house to the Hardwick road so call'd thro my Land I will relinquish all claims for damages therefor and I do hereby bind myself, my heirs Executors or Administrators to abide by this agreement.

Dated at Worcester 25th day of April AD. 1822

Francis Flagg
John Flagg

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Monday next at Two of the Clock P. M.

A True Copy of entry Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held at the South Meeting House in said town, on Monday the 23d of December AD. 1822 by adjournment from the 16th Instant the following votes were passed viz.

Voted to accept the following Report with the exception of the Accounts of Joseph Swett, Jonathan Wentworth and Charles Stearns which are to be adjusted by the Selectmen.

"The Committee appointed at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester to receive, examine and allow the accounts and demands exhibited against the s'd Town on the

Sixteenth day of December AD. 1822 have attended to that subject and find due to the several persons hereafter named the several sums set against each of their names and ask liberty to Report the same as follows viz.

N°. 1 To Abraham Lincoln balance due him for Supplies made to W°. Grace Wheaton a Town Pauper Cash paid to Paupers Beggars Foreigners & others and supplies made to the poor-House Establishment for the support of the Poor & the family in W. I. Goods as per the particulars mentioned in his Ac^{t} on file	$75, 22
N°. 2 Thomas B. Eaton, Bill for 5 Coffins & digding 5 Graves and the necessary attendance and Repairing the Town's Hearse the Coffins & Graves 3 were for Town Paupers and Two State Paupers all as is particularly mentioned in his Ac^{t} on file	27, 75
3 Thomas Stowell's demand for Colouring and dressing 40½ Yds Cloth for the poor establishment as per his Ac^{t}	7, 10
4 John Coolidge for his demand for a Horse Coller and repairing the Town's Engine Buckets as p^{r}. his Ac^{t}. on file	5, 50
5 Samuel Allen demand for Cotton Yarn for the poor House establishment as p^{r}. his Ac^{t}. on file	2, 80
6 Luke Gray demand for two days attendance as a witness the action Town & Green	2, 08
7 Isaac Chadwick demand against the Town for attendance 2 days as a witness in said action and repairing a Cart as per his Ac^{t}	2, 91
8 Reuben Munroe for a Wire Winnering Sieve for the Poor House	1, 50
9 Charles Stearns demand against the Town for Plank & Timber Gravel & repairing the town's Bridge near Mrs. Hales as per his Acc^{t}. N. B. This Acc^{t}. is to be adjusted by the Selectmen	15, 19
10 Nathaniel Gates demand against the Town for Timber & labor furnished & done in making a new the Bridge at Tacknet by Jos. Manns as per his Acc^{t}.	55, 50
11 Green & Heywood demand against the Town for Doctering Keziah Morse $6,75 Grace Wheaton $3,32 both Town Paupers as p^{r}. their Acc^{t}. on file	10, 07

12 D^{r}. Benj^{a}. Chapin demand ag^{t} the Town for Balance due for doctering the Towns Poor Recording Births & Deaths and as a witness 2 days as per his Acc^{t}. on file	33, 53
13 Jacob Miller in full for his demand ags^{t}. the Town for making 1960 Blank Cartridges for Muster and taking care of the Powder-House one year	9, 30
14 Calvin Darby demand ags^{t}. the Town for Combing sheeps wool and other charges for the poor-House-Establishment as per his Acc^{t}.	12, 24
15 Daniel Heywood & Co. demand ags^{t} the Town for Flax, Yarn & Cloth for the poor House Establishment as per his Ac^{t}	3, 50
16 Curtis Rice for his demand ags^{t} the Town for making & mending Shoes for the poor House Est. on Contract as per his Acc^{t} on file	9, 42
17 Rice & Miller for their demand ags^{t} the Town for a Plough Two Iron Shovels Sheep Shears and Steelyards for the Town's farm Ac^{t} on file	12, 57
18 Elisha Smith for his demand for Ploughing & taking care of W^{o}. Wheaton's Garden a town pauper as per his Acc^{t}	2, 00
19 William Hovey for his demand ags^{t} the Town for 125 lbs of Round Iron for Bolts for the Bridge near Burbank's as p^{r}. his Acc^{t}.	7, 50
20 Sally Wheaton demand ags^{t} the Town for Nursing taking care of W^{o}. Grace Wheaton 23 Weeks from the time she was settled until her Mothers Death as per her Ac^{t}	23, 00
21 Sarah Thaxter demand ags^{t} the Town for her demand for supplies made to W^{o}. Grace Wheaton a Town Pauper & House Rent up to her Death as p^{r}. her Acc^{t}. on file	43, 19
22 Henry M. Sikes demand ags^{t} the Town for Cotton Cloth for Shirting & Sheeting for the poor aforesaid as p^{r}. his Acc^{t}. on file	23, 18
23 Rufus Porter demand ags^{t} the Town for Six Pigs sold the Town 483½ at 4½ Cents as per his Acc^{t}.	21, 75
24 Nathl. Harrington & Sons for their demand against the Town for Boarding Clothing & taking care of Keziah Morse a Town pauper one year up to Dec. 1st 1822 as p^{r}. their Acc^{t}. by the Committee	78, 00

25 Peter Foster demand agst the Town for his demand for Labor himself & Boy done at Burbank's Bridge as per his Acct	4, 67
26 Francis Grout demand agst the Town for Boarding workmen while building the Bridge near Burbanks' & Timber supplied as pr. his Act on file	16, 98
27 John Tatman Jr. demand for Timber furnished the Town for the Burbank Bridge as per his Acct as allowed by the Committee	18, 00
28 George Moore demand agst the Town for Timber for Burbanks Bridge a load of wood for the Grammar School & Bohea Tea Bot of John W. Lincoln at Vandue for the Poor House as pr his Acct	33, 06
29 John Miller demand for Paint for the Bridge at Burbanks as pr his Acct	1, 25
30 Assessors demand for making a Town Valuation Highway, Town, State & County Taxes Recording the same & their services in full for the present year	100, 00
31 Wentworth & Swett demand agst the Town for Materials & Repairing the Town's Engine N°.2 as per their Act. N. B. This to be adjusted by the Selectmen.	45, 21
32 William T. Alexander for a large Tunnel and Two large Swill Pails oak for the Poor Estab. as per his Acct as allowed	2, 80
33 Lucretia Willington for weaving Cloth for the Estab. as per her Act allowed	7, 17
34 Henry Rogers for advertising in his paper Assessors notice & Selectmen advertising notice as pr his Acct.	3, 00
	$716, 94

Worcester December 23d 1822

All which is Respectfully submited

Abraham Lincoln
Thos. Chamberlain } Committee
Silas Brooks

A True Entry

Voted to dissolve this meeting Dissolved Accordingly.

Attest Benjs. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester agreeable to the above warrant, at the time & place & for the purpose there named The Selectmen called for the votes [for a representative in Congress] and they were brought in sorted, counted, record & declaration thereof made as by law directed and were for the following persons viz

For, Jonas Sibley One hundred & thirty two	132
Benjamin Adams One hundred & twenty	120
Levi Lincoln Eight	8
John Davis One	1
Sumner Bastow One	1
Edward D. Bangs Six	6
Abraham Lincoln One	1

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote in Town-Affairs, held at the South-Meeting House in said Town on the Third day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty three. The following votes were passed and the following persons were chosen into office as designated viz

1st Chose Abraham Lincoln, Moderator.

2 " Benjamin Chapin, Town Clerk. Sworn March 3^{d} by A Lincoln Esq. as per Certificate on file.

3 Abraham Lincoln, George Moore, W^{m}. Chamberlain, John Gleason, J^{r}. Edward D. Bangs, Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

Sworn March 3^{d} by the Town Clerk.

4 Abraham Lincoln, John Gleason J^{r}. John Flagg Assessors.

Sworn March 3^{d} by the Town Clerk.

5 James Wilson, Town Treasurer.

6 Samuel Allen Esq. had One hundred and twenty-three votes for County-Treasurer.

7 Voted to raise Seventeen Hundred Dollars for Public Schools and to have them kept in the same way and manner as last year, money to be expended in the same way also.

Chose Abraham Lincoln, Joel Gleason, Ephraim Mower, Committee of Estimates

Samuel Harrington Jr., Levi Lincoln, William Eaton, Daniel Stone, Daniel Tatman, Sewall Stearns, Aaron Flagg, George W. Brooks, Elijah Flagg, Joseph Daniels Jr. Willard Moore, School Committee.

Voted to raise Two Thousand Dollars to repair Roads & Bridges in town; money to be expended in the same way and manner as last year.

*Ephraim Mower, *Lewis Cutting, *Nathl. Brooks, 2d, Nathl. Gates, 2d, *Daniel Stearns, Jr., James Gleason, *John Gleason, Jr., *Jonathan Flagg, *Jesse Curtis, *Jonathan Gleason, Jr., Archibald Willard, *Ebenezer Mower, Joseph Daniels, Jr., *John Flagg, Lewis Bigelow, Willard Moore, Nathl. Gates, William Goss, *John Curtis, Francis Grout, Highway Collectors and Surveyors.

Voted to excuse Capt. Bigelow.

Voted to prohibit hogs going at large the current year.

Voted to prohibit neat Cattle Horses & Mules from going at large the current year.

Chose Levi Lincoln, Agent for the Town.

" Edward D. Bangs, A. Lincoln, Levi Lincoln, Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer.

Chose William Eaton, Constable. Sworn March 22d by A. Lincoln, Esq.

" Rejoice Newton, Aaron Bancroft, Eretus B. Hull, Jonathan Going, Jonathan Harrington, Silas Brooks, Samuel Perry, James Harrington, Abm. Lincoln, Benjamin Chapin, Edward D. Bangs, Committee to visit the Schools.

" John Miller, William Eaton, Clerks of the Market.

William Chamberlain, Pound Keeper.

Peter Slater, John Miller, John W. Lincoln, Rejoice Newton, Lewis Bigelow, Wm. Chamberlain, Abraham Lincoln, Otis Corbett, Levi Lincoln, Fire Wards.

Thomas Howe, *Nathaniel Eaton, Sealers of Leather.

Paul Shepard, *Baily Clements, Cullers of Hoops & Staves.

*Lewis Bigelow, *Saml. Harrington, Jr., Surveyors of Boards & Shingles.

*Charles Hearsey, Saml. Stowell, *Rufus Porter, *Silas Brooks, Israel Whitney, *Daniel Cook, Fence Viewers.

*Samuel Ward, *John W. Lincoln, *Wm. Trowbridge, Jr., *Elisha Smith, Nathl. Gates, Field Drivers.

* Sworn.

*John Miller, Charles Wheeler, Measurers of Wood.

*Timothy W. Bancroft, Surveyor of Moles for Brick.

*William Eaton, Constable.

Silas Brooks, Lewis Barnard, Reuben Munroe, Rufus Porter, Sam[l] Harrington, Committee to take the 10th Art. into consideration & to report.

John Davis, Nath[l] Maccarty, *Ephraim Mower, Jesse Curtis, *John Whittemore, Nathan White, Jr., Fred. W. Paine, *Bezaleel White, *Jonathan Geason, Jr., Foster Nowell, Daniel Chadwick, Jr., Daniel Kettell, Benj[a]. N. Child, John Sutton, *Charles Hearsey, *Sewall Rice, *William Fenno, Tyler Curtis, Asa Gates, Jeremiah Harrington, Hog-Reeves.

Voted that the Articles not acted upon, be postponed to the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the First Monday in May next at 2 O'clock P. M. Adjourned accordingly.

A True Entry. Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk

April 7th, 1823

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote for Governor Lieut. Governor, Councellors & Senators as by the Constitution, convened agreeably to the foregoing Warrant at the South-Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Seventh day of April AD. 1823, did give in their votes for the following persons viz.

Hon. William Eustis	266	For Governor.
Hon. Harrison G. Otis	182	
James Loyd	1	
W[m]. Sullivan	1	
Samuel Hoar J[r].	1	
Hon. Levi Lincoln	252	For Lieut. Gov.
Daniel Noble	184	
Nathaniel Silsbee	1	
Jonathan Allen	1	

Warren Rawson	264	Benj[a]. Adams	186
James Estabrook	262	Stephen P. Gardner	182
Daniel Gilbert	262	Nathaniel Jones	181

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[1] Article 10:—"To see if the Town will purchase a Pasture for the accommodation & use of the Poor Establishment."

* Sworn.

Edward D. Bangs	266	Nath[l]. P. Denny	175
Josiah Howe	264	Silas Holman	1
Aaron Tufts	186	James Draper	1

For Senators

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester on Monday the Fifth day of May 1823 at the South-Meeting-House, in said Town agreeable to the foregoing warrant.

Voted to send three Representatives to the General Court the present year.

Chose Abraham Lincoln, Esq. William Eaton, Samuel Harrington, Representatives.

Meeting was then Dissolved.

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held at the South Meeting House in said Town on Monday the 5th of May 1823 by adjournment from the third of March last the following votes were passed viz.

Voted that the Committee which was chosen to purchase a Pasture for the Town, take it again into consideration and that they be authorized to purchase a Pasture not to exceed $600.

Chose John Gleason J[r]. Collector of Taxes.

Voted to give the Collector John Gleason J[r]. Three Cents and five Mills on the dollar for his Commission.

Voted not to choose Tythingmen the present year.

The Committee appointed at the annual Meeting in March last to examine and make an Estimate of Such Sums of money as probably will be necessary for the support of the Poor and to defray the usual & common expenses of the Town the Current year, have attended to the subject & submit the following Report, to enable the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor to fulfill their engagements made for and in behalf of the Town for supporting the Poor at the Poor House including the Boarding the Superintendent and his family with necessary articles more & such as cannot be procured from the Farm Clothing & West India Goods and also the support of four Town Paupers at different

places not at said Poor-House, paying the Superintendent & family their wages, for superintending & carrying on the Poor Establishment Physician's Bill, Blacksmith work, purchasing some fenceing Stuffs & Stock, & the Contingent and usual expenses arising within the Town yearly, it will be necessary to Grant the following sums to be assessed upon the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of the said Town of Worcester viz:

Supporting the Poor at the Poor House the Superintendent & his family with necessary articles that cannot be procured from the Farm viz W. I. Goods, Shirting, Sheeting & other Bed Clothes Shoes, Household Utensals, & Including Physician's Bill	$300, 0
Supporting the four Town Paupers not at the Poor-House viz Abigail Temple, Kezia Morse, David Flagg & Mary Gleason an Infant child of Jesse Gleason deceas'd	260,–0
Paying the Superintendent & his family for superintending & carrying on the Poor-House Establishment the current year on Contract	385,–0
for Roads, Bridges Guide Posts over & above what can be done by the highway-Taxes, including the $100, the Town voted Messrs. Blairs for the damage of the Road thro' their land & they fencing the same making the fence thro' M[r]. Francis Flaggs land also making the Road thro' s'd Blairs & Flaggs land over & above what was collected the last year	250,–0
For Contingent Expences usually arising within the Town yearly & probably what will arise the Current year purchasing some Stock for Farm some Rails & Posts, Paupers in other Towns and belonging to this Law-Suits &c	350,–0
Collectors Commissions for collectingthe State, County & Town Taxes, Abatements, Treasurer's pay, Assessors pay for making a Town Valuation, Highway Town State & County Taxes &c	250,–0
From which you may deduct the Ground Rent and the Interest yearly arising on the Town Bonds	357,–0
The sum to be raised & assessed as aforesaid	$1438, 0

All which is Respectfully Submitted

Abraham Lincoln
Joel Gleason
Ephraim Mower
} Committee

The above Report was, Read & Accepted and thereupon Voted the said Sum be Granted and the same ordered to be assessed upon the Polls & Estates as within mentioned

Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk

N. B. The Committee have not calculated any money for the Road contemplated thro' Jones & Adams' Lane either for damages or making the Road not knowing what damages the Committee will award nor was it in their power to say what the expence of making the Road will be; they hoping same could be done by the Highway Taxes & that the Selectmen can draw for that purpose some money from the Treasurer not otherwise appropriated and still leave the Treasurer in handsome funds.

Worcester May 5th 1823

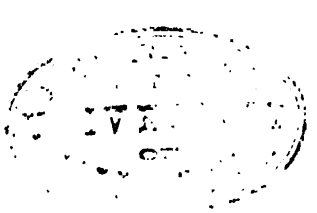
The Committee appointed by the Town to settle the Town Treasurers Account for the last year, after a careful examination of the Book & Account by him exhibited, find the same correctly stated & rightly cast, and that he has charged the Town with the sum of Three Thousand, one hundred and fifty-four Dollars and three cents, as paid out for which he produced the proper Vouchers and that he, as Treasurer, has credited the Town with the sum of Ten Thousand and fifty Dollars and two cents received by him or outstanding in the hands of Collectors including eighteen dollars received from Militia Exempts, leaving a balance in favor of the Town of Six Thousand eight hundred and ninety five Dollars and ninety nine cents, now in his hands and the hands of the Collectors uncollected viz. Three Thousand one hundred and eighty nine Dollars and twenty-three cents in Cash; and Three Thousand seven hundred and six Dollars and seventy six cents in the hands of the Collectors—uncollected—to be hereafter accredited to the Town and to be accounted for by him in his future Accounts, the Treasurers Commissions for the past year having been deducted from the Credit, leaving the balance as before stated $6895,99 credited the Town as aforesaid and hereafter to be accounted for

Edward D. Bangs
Abraham Lincoln } Committee

D^{r}. The Town of Worcester in Acc^{t} Current with James Wilson Treasurer of s'd Town for the year 1822

1822 June 10 To payment of the following Orders.

N°. 1	Lewis Barnard	$10,,94
2	Calvin Darby	6,,16



3	Levi Howe	4,,92	
4	Henry Rogers	7,,08	
5	Luther Johnson	84,,44	
6	Zachariah Sheldon	55,,00	
7	Jonas Johnson	3,,90	
8	John Gleason J^{r}.	7,,26	
9	Benj^{a}. Chapin	33,,53	
10	Samuel Allen J^{r}.	2,,80	
			216 03
11	Samuel Graves	100,,	
12	Thomas Howe	17,,83	
13	Daniel Heywood & Co.	3,,50	
14	Peter Foster	4,,67	
15	Luke Gray	2,,08	
16	John Reed J^{r}.	100,,	
17	Henry Rogers	3,,	
18	Thomas Chamberlain	141,,76	
19	Alpheus Merrifield	105,,76	
			478 60
20	William Barber	106,,51	
21	Henry Heywood	147,,63	
22	Abel Flagg	81,,53	
23	Mrs. Sarah Thaxter	43,,19	
24	Sally Wheaton	23,,	
25	Henry M. Sikes	23,,18	
26	A. Lincoln, Nathl. Stowell & John Gleason 2^{d}	100,,	
27	William Coes	24,,92	
28	Abraham Lincoln	30,,96	
			580 92
29	Nathl. Harrington & Sons	78,,	
30	Elisha Smith	2,,	
31	Henry Parker	4,,	
32	Jonathan Harrington	80,,08	
33	Francis Grout	16,,98	
34	Francis Grout	124,,84	
35	Wentworth & Swett	43,,21	
36	John Reed J^{r}.	100,,	
37	Dea. Moses Perry & Saml. Perry	11,,50	
38	Samuel T. Reed	69,,10	
			529 71
39	John W. Lincoln	2,,54	
40	Green & Heywood	10,,07	
41	John Reed J^{r}.	130,,	

42	Samuel Graves	267,,90		
43	John Cooledge	5,,50		
44	Bigelow & Wentworth	14,,79		
45	Harman Chamberlain	25,,41		
46	Rufus Porter	21,,75		
47	Charles Stearns	11,,19		
48	Otis Corbett	442,,79		
			931	94
49	Polly Whitney	14,,25		
50	William T. Alexander	2,,80		
51	John Miller	1,,25		
52	William Hovey	7,,50		
53	John Bond	7,,20		
54	Jeremiah Robinson	11,,		
55	John Homer	5,,71		
56	Benjamin Maynard J^{r}.	2,,93		
57	Nahum Maynard	13,,50		
58	John Rogers	26,,		
59	Abraham Lincoln	23,,70		
			115	84
60	Lucretia Willington	7,,17		
61	Benjamin Maynard J^{r}.	2,,96		
62	Peggy Andrews	23,,20		
63	Inhabitants of the Town of Sterling	16,,29		
64	John Rogers	14,,74		
65	Isaac Chadwick	2,,91		
66	Nathaniel Gates	55,,50		
67	Abraham Lincoln	75,,22		
68	Inhabitants of Rochester	65,,		
69	John Tatman J^{r}.	18,,		
			280	99
	Treasurers Commission for his services the past years		20	
			3154	03

Amount of Taxes in the hand of John Gleason J^{r}. Collector of Taxes for the year 1822 Uncollected $2594,,78

Amount of Taxes in the hand of John Flagg Collector of Taxes for the year 1821 Uncollected $1111,,98

Amount of Cash in the Treasury this day unpaid out	$3189,,23	
This ballance charg'd to the Treasurer to be accounted for in his next account	$6895,,99	6895 99
		$10050 02

James Wilson Treasurer's C^{r}. for 1822

1822 May 6		
By ballance of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason 2^{d} Collector of Taxes for the years 1819 & 1820 $2181,,48 Also the ballance of Taxes in the hands of John Flagg the present Collector for the year 1821 Uncollected $2104,,21 Also Cash remaining in the Treasury this day $1679,,95 in the whole amounting to $5965,,64 agreeable to the Report of the Town's Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer		$5965 64
1823 March 11		
By Assessors Certificate of Taxes for the year eighteen hundred & twenty two committed to John Gleason 2^{d} Collector and charged by me to him		3594 78
May 3 By amount received of the Selectmen for ground Rent & Interest on Town Bonds the last year		357 06
By Amount receiv'd for State paupers & Town's poor the last year		114 54
1822 May 3		
By Cash of John W. Hubbard on the Militia for his exemption		2
Samuel Black	D^{o}	2
Oliver Gleason		2
Charles Blair		2
Elisha Flagg		2
Benj^{a}. Reed		2
Jonathan Nelson		2
Thomas Stowell		2
Ebenezer Reed		2
		10050 02
D^{r}. Brought from the preceeding Page		10050 02

The above Report was read and accepted.

Selectmen's Report of the Town Bonds

Dates	Names of the Principals / Names of the Sureties	Amount of each Bond $.	Cts.
Ap[l]. 1st 1805	Samuel Flaggs Lease	Ground Rent	
Dec. 1st 1821	Samuel Sturtevant Samuel Sturtevant J[r] & Lewis Sturtevant } John Flagg and Wm. Harrington	633	16
Oct 1st 1808	Daniel Denny Eph[m]. Mower & David Richards	142	
Dec 1st 1816	John Jones Simon Gates & William Paine	141	
Dec. 1. 1819	William Eaton J[r]. W[m]. Eaton & Rufus Porter	51	86
Dec. 1. 1821	Nathaniel Gates Levi Gates & Jos. Mann	449	44
Dec. 1. 1812	William Coes Thaddeus Chapin	125	
Dec. 1. 1812	Reuben Gleason James Gleason & A Flagg	161	58
Dec. 1st 1811	Thos. Chamberlain W[m] Chamberlain & David Curtis	336	66
Dec 1. 1820	James Wilson Stephen Goddard	408	62
Dec. 1. 1816	Abraham Lincoln Eph[m]. Mower & John Gleason	418	11
Dec. 1. 1818	Joel Putnam Sam[l] & Charles Putnam	78	67
Dec. 1. 1815	Nathan White Israel Whitney and Ephraim Mower	133	33
Dec. 1. 1805	Nath[l] Stowell Thos. Rice & Paul Gates	86	67
Dec 1. 1819	John W. Hubbard Nath[l]. Paine and D. Richards	103	
Dec. 1. 1813	William Chamberlain Peter Slater & Willard Moore	246	67
Dec. 1. 1811	Rufus Porter Joel Gates & Lewis Bigelow	300	75
Dec. 1. 1812	Benj[a]. Chapin Timothy Bancroft	125	
Dec. 1. 1809	Willard Moore W[m]. Moore & W[m]. Chamberlain	75	83

May 5th 1823.

The period the Interest has been paid	Amount of Interest paid Since the last Report	
	$ Cts.	
Dec. 1st. 1822	20	
Dec. 1st. 1822	37 , 99	
Do	8 , 52	
Do	8 , 46	
Do	3 , 11	
Do	26 , 97	
Do	7 , 50	
Do	9 , 70	
Do	20 , 20	
Do	24 , 52	
Do	25 , 09	
Do	4 , 72	
Do	8	
Do	5 , 20	
Do	6 , 18	
Do	14 , 80	
Do	18 , 05	
Do	7 , 50	
Do	4 , 55	

Dec. 1. 1809	Moses N. Child	230	
	Wm. Moore & Paul Shepard		
Dec. 1. 1811	Ephraim Mower	292	56
	Thos. G. Mower & J. Gleason		
Dec. 1. 1818	Benja. Goddard	230	
	Stephen Goddard & Moses N. Child		
Dec. 1. 1819	Jedediah Healy	69	33
	Saml. Ward & Saml. Warden		
Dec. 1. 1821	William Eaton	176	60
	Reuben Munroe & Peter Slater		
Dec. 1. 1809	Amherst Eaton	115	18
	Wm Eaton & Saml. Curtis, Jr.		
Dec. 1. 1815	Samuel Stowell	133	87
	Wm & Amherst Eaton		
Dec. 1. 1811	Silas Bigelow	119	44
	George Moore & Luther Rice		
Dec. 1. 1818	Mary Wheeler & Samuel Graves	110	
	William Eaton & Wm. Harrington		
Dec. 1. 1817	Levi Rice	87	50
	Peter Slater & William Eaton		
Dec. 1. 1815	Cornelius Stowell	35	
	Thos. Johnson & Abel Stowell		
	Principal	$5616	83

Worcester May 3d 1823 Receiv'd of the Selectmen Three Hundred & fifty seven Dollars & six cents for the Ground Rent and the Interest on the Town Bonds the last year.

James Wilson, Town Treasurer.

Do	13 , 80
Do	17 , 56
Do	13 , 80
Do	4 , 16
Do	10 , 60
Do	6 , 91
Do	3 , 05
Do	7 , 17
Do	6 , 60
Do	5 , 25
Do	2 , 10
	Int. $357 , 06

Abraham Lincoln
George Moore
Wm. Chamberlain
Ed: D. Bangs
John Gleason Jr.
} Selectmen of Worcester

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town affairs, & for a Representative to the General Court, held at the South Meeting House in said Town on the first day of December AD 1823 the following votes were passed viz

1st Chose Abraham Lincoln, Moderator.

2d Voted to choose a Committee of three to examine and allow accounts exhibited against the Town and chose Abraham Lincoln, Samuel Harrington and Edward D. Bangs for said Committee.

Voted not to send a Representative.[1]

Voted to accept the List of Jurors as presented and prepared by the Selectmen.

Voted to choose a Committee of five to examine the case relative to Mr. William Hovey's flowing the Town's Meadow Land[2] and they report at the adjournment, and that the Committee shall be the following persons viz. Ephraim Mower, Lewis Barnard, Rejoice Newton, Silas Brooks and Rufus Porter.

Voted to oppose the new contemplated Road[3] passing by Daniel Rand's house and the Agent of the Town be instructed for that subject.

Voted to dismiss the 7th Article of the warrant relative to a Road by Micah Johnson's.[4]

Voted that the Town's Pound be removed as prayd for in a petition of his Honor Levi Lincoln & others;[5] removal to be under the direction of the Selectmen.

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[1] "For the remainder of the present political year instead of Abraham Lincoln elected a Counsellor."

[2] "Destroying by flowing theTown's meadow belonging and attached to the Towns farm being 8 or 10 acres."

[3] "A Road petition'd for by John W. Hubbard & five others persons to the Court of Sessions and an order of Court thereon appointing a viewing Committee, said petitioned for Road, to begin at the foot of the Hill on the easterly side of pine meadow, thence nearly the House of Daniel Rand's and following the Valley northerly in the best direction to strike the Turnpike-road about 30 Rods westerly of the house of Joshua Gates."

[4] "Petition of Horatio G. Henshaw and others to the Selectmen, to have Road laid out from David Andrew's farm, near the Stafford Guide Post across & over to Micah Johnson's House near his Barn."

[5] "Application of Levi Lincoln & others to see if the Town will remove the Town's Pound as far west as will bring the East wall in a line with the East wall of the Burying ground or Yard or remove the said Pound to any other place."

Chose John Davis, Daniel Stone, Jon^{a}. Harrington, Thos. Chamberlain, Levi Lincoln, John Flagg, Lewis Barnard, Gardner Burbank, Silas Brooks, Saml. T. Reed, Committee on Schools whose duty is to take the 9th Article[1] into consideration and that they Report at the adjournment of this Meeting.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to examine the subject relative to a place for an Agricultural Hall to confer with the Agricultural Committee and report at the adjournment.[2]

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 22^{d} of the present Month, at this place, at two of the clock in the afternoon.

Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk

Dec. 22^{d} 1823

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held at the South-Meeting House in said town on Monday the Twenty Second day of December in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and twenty-three by adjournment from the first Inst. the following votes were passed viz.

1st Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on Accounts which follows.

We the Subscribers a Committee appointed at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held on the first day of December 1823 to examine and allow accounts and Demands against said Town and make Report of their doings at the adjournment of said meeting to be held this day—have attended to the duty assigned them, and Report that having carefully examined the several accounts & Demands exhibited against the Town with the Vouchers accompanying them, they find due to each person the sums set against their names Report that the same be allowed & that the Selectmen be directed to draw their orders on the Town-Treasurer accordingly viz

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[1] ARTICLE 9:—"To hear and consider the application of John Davis & others a Committee from the Centre School district to see what measures the Town will take to better the condition of the Gramer School and place the same on a more respectable footing, and see if the Town will Increase the School Tax for the benefit of the Grammer School, and to what amount."

[2] ARTICLE 10:—"To hear and consider the application of Levi Lincoln, Oliver Fiske & Thomas Chamberlain a Committee from the Trustees of the Agricultural Society, to see if the Town will grant a spot of Land in front of the old Burrying Yard South of the Gun House, for the purpose of erecting a Building thereon for the use of said Society."

	$ Cts
N°. 1 Nathaniel Harrington & Sons for Boarding Nursing & taking care of Keziah Morse a Town Pauper one year from Dec. 1st 1822 to Dec. 1st 1823 at $1,50 per week as pr acct. exhibited	78 00
2 Joel Knap of Sutton for Boarding Clothing and Nursing & taking care of W°. Sybel Elder a Town-Pauper from Aug. 4th to Dec. 2d 1823 the time she was carried to the Poor-House being 17 Weeks at $1, per Week on Contract as per his Acct.	17
2 Curtis Rice for his making & mending Shoes for the poor House establishment Including for David Flagg a Town-pauper from Oct. 21st 1822 to Nov. 11. 1823 on Contract with the Overseers as as pr. his Acct. exhibited	23 46
4 John Eaton for Cotton Cloth Calico Ginghams & thread delivered to the Overseers for the use of the Poor House from Dec. 22d to Dec. 4th 1823 as per Acct.	21 96
5 Francis T. Merrick for 6 Scythes 3 Rakes and 41¾ Yds of Shirting delv'd one of the Overseers for the Poor at the Poor-House as pr. his Act.	10
6 William Chamberlain balance due him for 1 set of Harrow Teeth going to Sutton three times after the W°. Elder & bringing her from Sutton to the Poor House and money paid out for the Town as per his Act.	7 46
7 Second Parish to expence of Repairing the Clock belonging to sd Parish agreeable to a vote of the Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants	31
The first Parish to expence of Repairing the Clock belonging to said Parish agreeable to a vote of the Town at a legal meeting of said Inhabitants per Acct. exhibited	56 22
9 The Assessors for their services for the present year making the Highway Taxes Lists & Warrants the Town Valuation the Town State & County Taxes recording the same the Warrants & Certificates	100
10 Green & Heywood for an opperation on Prudence Glasco's Breast a Town Pauper, sundry visits & dressing as per their Acct.	5 61
11 John Gleason Jr. for Cash he paid Wm. Manning Jr. for a piece of Shirting & Cash paid W°. Curtis for	

weaving 93 Yds of Woolen Cloth all for the Poor House & several small sums paid the Poor as per his Acc^{t} & Vouchers 17 62

12 William Jenison for the expence of Committing Rufus Paine to the House of Correction as p^{r}. his Ac^{t}. exhibited 2 29

13 Curtis Rice for a small demand for work 1 25

14 Martin Wilder for dressing 25 Yds of Woolen Cloth snuff colour for the winter Clothing for the poor at 28 Cts per yd as p^{r}. his Acc^{t}. 7

15 Abraham Lincoln for Cash paid for 3 Quntells of Salt Fish 1 Barrel Mackerel the Town of Sterling postage of Letters and Sundry poor persons in distress to aid them on their Journey as per Ac^{t}. & Vouchers amounting and Wood for the Grammer School & cutting 54 10

Also a further demand for supplies made to the Poor House from Dec. 23^{d}. 1822 to Dec. 15th 1823 $54,14 as is particularly mentioned in his account both of demands amounting to $108,72 deducting therefrom $18,86 for 8 legs of Bacon he receiv'd from Nath'l Stowells ballance due the town from him for Bacon leaving a Ballance due to the said Lincoln 92 39

16 Rice & Miller for Hoes Iron Shovel Nails & Glass for the Poor House as p^{r}. their Acc^{t}. exhibited 3 58

17 Thos. & John Sutton's ballance due them for work done to Herse Waggon a Wheel Barrow &c 1 53

18 Washburn & Goddard for Carding 63 lbs of Wool for the Poor House as p^{r}. their Ac^{t}. 4 41

19 Saml. Warden in full for his demand against the Town for himself & Son in building a New Necessary & repairs 5 55

20 Levi Howe & Co. ballance of his & their Acc^{t}. against the Town for a Dutch Plough Iron work at the Bridge near Burbanks Blacksmithing work done for the Poor House Establishment from May 28th 1822 to Dec. 15th 1823 as p^{r}. his & their Ac^{t}. exhibited 35 78

21 William T. Alexander for hooping Casks at the Poor House Hoops as per his Ac^{t}. 2 79

23 D^{r}. Benj^{a}. Chapin's demand for Recording Deaths and Births Attendance as a Witness in the action Town & Green and his attendance as a Physi-

cian to the Town's poor as p^{r}. his Ac^{t}. for the year ending Dec. 22, 1823	38 24
24 Henry Rogers' demand for Printing	6 42
25 Thomas B. Eatons demand for Coffins for Brawtz & Silas Osgood	9 30
Worcester Dec. 22^{d} 1823	$590 67

All which is Respectfully submitted

Abraham Lincoln
Saml. Harrington
Edward D. Bangs

Read & accepted

The Committee, to whose consideration was submitted the expediency of increasing the School-Tax for benefit of the Grammar-School, ask leave to make the following report. Having attentively examined into the condition, character, and usefulness of the Grammer School as it has of late been supported, the Committee have no hesitation in declaring it as their opinion, that a respectable School of that kind cannot be maintained with the annual grant of $400, the sum hitherto allowed for that purpose. They feel it to be their duty also to state their conviction that for several years past the Town has failed to derive much benefit from that school in the education of youth, as it has maintained a character very little if any higher than that of the other town Schools.

The Committee apprehend this may be very justly imputed to a want of funds sufficient to engage the services of an able, and skilful Instructor whose assiduity and learning would give reputation, and stability to the school. The question therefore for the town to consider is, whether, without benefit to itself, it will continue a nominal compliance with the law, and waste the sum annually appropriated, or raise such further sum as will place the school on a respectable basis and make it a source of knowledge as the best means of promoting virtue and happiness in the community, and as the basis of the free civil institutions of our country. Our ancestors were the first legislators who made free schools a political institution and taxed the public with the expence of teaching youth the precepts of virtue and useful knowledge. They were first to call upon the rich by force of law to enlighten the understanding and elevate the morals and the condition of the poor. To this most excellent institution are we, through the

blessing of divine providence, largely indebted for the freedom & happiness we enjoy. The moral energy, the profound knowledge of the rights of man and the steady adherence to the principles which sustained our country in the most disastrous times of the revolution, had their origin in that general diffusion of knowledge, which enabled each individual to understand the merits of the controversy; and it is but a just tribute to the memory of our ancestors to allow that the triumph of the cause of man In the United States is in a great measure to be imputed to this circumstance. Mind is the gift of Providence and belongs to no condition in life. It is as often bestowed upon the poor and lowly as upon the rich—as often upon the child of obscurity, as upon him who is destined to sit upon a throne. We daily see in the Senate, at the bar, in the pulpit, and in all classes of society, a great proportion of its most active intelligent and useful members, who have risen from humble condition, & we can trace with ease the foundation of their distinction & usefulness to the education received in our free schools.

Hence it is that each individual has an interest in the support of schools beyond the education of his own family; for with the existence of schools is identified the cause of virtue of freedom and of humanity. From them come many of the great the wise and the good. In them all who do not will to be ignorant may make such acquirements as to think and act with intelligence. They are therefore one of the highest blessings to the poor, placing them in intellectual improvment on a footing with the rich. Indeed they may be said to be established entirely for the benefit of the poor for the rich can educate their children without the aid of the public.

They are a blessing to the whole community, which we can appreciate best by considering the degraded condition of that portion of the human race that is ignorant of letters. When we find such people we find them generally without the enjoyment of civil or religious liberty—the Slaves of despots, and the dupes of bigots. But where intellectual & moral energy gains its full expansive force, the chains of tyrants are burst asunder, the holy engines of torture are broken in pieces, and man rises from his fallen condition to be again lord of creation. Bondage has its security in ignorance. The master removes from his slave all means of intellectual improvement, that he may know no better condition in life. The despot never employs money or means to enlighten the minds of his subjects, but shuts the avenues of knowledge against them lest they should know & assert their rights. Our course is opposite to this. Our philanthropy should

be broad. Our sympathies should extend to the world of man and as a knowledge of letters is the only sure means by which virtue & happiness can be diffused we should not withhold such resources as we have, to promote the greatest of blessings. In view of these considerations the Committee feel that the town is deeply interested in maintaining a free school of high character where all who desire it may get an education that shall subserve all the ordinary purposes of life. They therefore in the most earnest manner recommend to the Town to increase the School tax to $2000,—$1200 whereof to be distributed in proportion to the number of minors as heretofore $200 whereof to be divided among the out districts and the remainder to be applied to the support of the Grammer School which sum we trust, if judiciously expended, will increase the usefulness of that institution so that it will justly be esteemed an ornament to the Town.

John Davis, Chairman.

The Selectmen of the Town of Worcester as a Committee, to whose consideration was refered the application of the Trustees of the Worcester Agricultural Society for a grant by the Town of Land whereon to erect a Hall for the use of the Society have given their attention to the subject and now make their Report.

Among the most useful & commendable Institutions of the County Societies for the advancement of the interest of Agriculture are deservedly held in the first rank. The occupation of the most numerous class of the Citizens of Massachusetts is in the business of husbandry. The dependence of all other classes upon this for the means of subsistence renders every encouragement afforded to the Farmer an advancement of the general interest, and more or less directly contributes to the prosperity of the whole community. Until within a few years past the Yeomanry of New England, always among the most distinguished, independent and patriotic of the people, were of subordinate estimation in the artificial arrangements of Society, and they whose labors were most indispensible, to private support and national strength were passed by as the humble Instruments of the power of others. A more liberal & enlightened view of the relations of Men to each other & to Society has secured to the husbandman his just place in public regard and by elevating the employment and character, the Farmer has given to his condition higher claims upon public favor.

The Committee review with great satisfaction the measures which have been so eminently successful in this County in promoting the most rapid improvements in Husbandry. The Agri-

cultural Society established but little more than five years since, enrolls the names of more than Six Hundred Inhabitants of the County; and of them are of the most spirited, best experienced and most successful Farmers in every Town, and its opperations have been eminently instrumental in diffusing a knowledge of the great improvements in rural œconomy which have distinguished the present day both in Europe and America. Whatever apprehentions of its success & advantage have hitherto been entertained it can now be regarded no otherwise than an increase to the valuable & permanent Institutions of the County, and should be cherished and provided for accordingly.

The Committee are of opinion that the Annual Cattle Shows & Exhibitions of Manufactures are of general interest and of peculiar advantage to the place where they are holden. They collect together great numbers of orderly well informed men for the purposes of personal observation, practical improvement and interchange of sentiments, opinions and experiments on subjects appropriate to their occupation and they leave behind them at their Meetings a great profit for their Entertainment and a reputation which altho acquired, is nevertheless reflected with greatest honor upon the place of exhibition. There can be no doubt, that the unusual prosperity of Worcester is in some measure to be ascribed to the spirit & zeal with which our Agricultural interests have recently been managed.

Few Towns in the State are of more consideration & no County has been so honorably noticed for Agricultural excellence. It must be desirable to preserve this reputation as evidence of valuable exertion, and as means of just influence with the other parts of the Commonwealth. With these general remarks, the Committee pass to the more distinct object of their appointment in expressing an opinion upon the application of the Trustees of the Agricultural Society the objects of the Institution to be essentially conducive to the general interest, and the annual Shows to be particularly beneficial to the Town, by furnishing a market for much produce consumed upon the occation and by affording to the Inhabitants an opportunity of witnessing specimens of the richest products & improvements without expense or inconvenience, the Committee consider it reasonable to grant the request of the Trustees, in permitting them to erect a Building on the Town's land near the Common. A suitable Scite has been pointed out for the purpose on a range with the Gun-House at the west-end of the Burying-Ground. No possible inconvenience can result to the Town from the erection of a Building in that situation, but on the contrary a handsome Edifice would greatly ornament

that part of the Town, in a spot where no private building can ever be placed, and moreover conceal an unpleasant and gloomy object, in the grave yard. The Committee have therefore concluded to recommend to the Town the following form of a Vote on the subject.

"Voted: Upon the application of the Trustees of the Worcester Agricultural Society, that the Town do grant to said Trustees for the use and benefit of said Society, full right and permission to Erect a Building not exceeding 60 feet in length by 40 feet in width on the West End of the Old Burying-ground, and to be so situated as that the front of said Building shall range with the front side of the Gun-House—and the Town do grant to said Trustees as aforesaid and their Successors in the said office the Ground-Rent of said Building, and the land on which they shall erect said Building—to have and to hold the same, so long as said Society shall own & possess said Building and improve the same or any part thereof, for the public purposes of said Society —provided however that in the erection of said Building and at any time thereafter no Cellar shall be dug under the same, nor the Earth farther removed, than may be necessary for a firm and secure Underpinning to said Building and that no grave be disturbed thereby & that the Selectmen make a Deed accordingly."

Worcester, Dec. 22d 1823

All which is submitted by

Abraham Lincoln
George Moore
John Gleason Jr.
Edward D. Bangs
Wm. Chamberlain

The above Report was read & accepted and a Vote passed similer to one recorded

Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk

N. B. It was voted at the Preceeding Meeting to accept the following Report.

"The Committee appointed to examine the towns land flowed by Mr. William Hovey & to report thereon beg leave to report. That they have examined the land & report as their opinion that the town have sustained a loss of Thirty Dollars for the present year by reason of the flowing thereof. And your Committee are further of opinion that the injury to the land in future occationed by the flowing of the last summer will be equal to the loss of the present year. Your Committee have confered with Mr. Hovey

who agrees to pay the sum of thirty dollars for the loss of hay already suffered & which shall not be a bar to any future damage occationed in killing the grass by the flowing of the past season.

Ephraim Mower per order of the Committee

Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk

Dec. 22 AD 1823

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote in Town-affairs, held at the South-Meeting House in said town on Monday the Twenty-second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three the following votes were passed viz.

1st Chose Abraham Lincoln, Moderator.

2 Voted that the Centre School-District have permission to remove the School House near the Common at the expence of said District; to the Southeast Corner of the old Burying-ground, as near the Corner as not to interfere with any graves.[1]

On motion made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the meeting. Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

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March 1st 1824

At the annual meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned at the South-Meeting house in said town on Monday the first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four the following votes were passed and the following Persons named Chose into Office; set against their respective names—viz.

1st Chose Abraham Lincoln, Moderator

2 " Benjamin Chapin, Town Clerk; who was Sworn by Abraham Lincoln Esq. as follows on the 1st of March 1824.

Personally appeared before me Benjamin Chapin who was legally chosen Town Clerk for the Town of Worcester, on the above date and sworn as follows: "You promise truly to record all votes

[1] On petition of Enoch Flagg and others.

passed in the meeting at which you are chosen, and all other Town Meetings during the year, and until another Clerk shall be chosen & sworn in your stead, and also faithfully to discharge all the other duties of your office" March 1st 1824

Abraham Lincoln J. Peace.

Chose Abraham Lincoln, *William Chamberlain, John Gleason, Jr. *Edward D. Bangs, Joel Gleason, Selectmen and Overseers of the poor.

Abraham Lincoln, *John Gleason Jr. Lewis Bigelow, Assessors.

James Wilson, Town Treasurer.

Samuel Allen Esq. had Eighty-three Votes for County-Treasurer.

Chose Edward D. Bangs Esq. Town Agent.

Abraham Lincoln, Enoch Flagg, Thos. Chamberlain, Committee of Estimates

Voted to raise Two Thousand Dollars to Repair the Public Roads and Bridges in said town the money to be expended in the same way and manner as last year.

*Benjamin Butman, *Lewis Cutting, *Bezaleel White, *Jonathan Pierce, Sewall Stearns, *Walter Bigelow, John Gleason Jr. *Wm. Trowbridge Jr. *Samuel Hathaway, *John Mann, *Ebenezer Gates, †Guy S. Newton, Jonathan Nelson, Luther Johnson (Excus'd) Francis Grout, *Benja. N. Child, *Nathaniel Gates, Ephraim Curtis, *Leonard Clark, Highway Collectors & Surveyors.

*Sewall Hamilton, Constable.

*Samuel Hathaway, John M. Earle, Clerks of the Market.

William Chamberlain, Pound Keeper.

John Miller, Silas Brooks, Enoch Flagg, Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer.

N. B. Each Officer of whom an Oath is required has been sworn by the Town Clerk, except otherwise specified, if sworn at all.

John M. Earle Sealer of Leather.

*Paul Shepard, Culler of Hoops & Staves.

Samuel Harrington, Jr., Jonathan Wentworth, Surveyors of Boards.

Samuel Harrington Jr. Surveyor of Plank, &c.

*Jonathan Wentworth, Daniel Heywood, Surveyors of Shingles and Clapboards.

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*Sworn. †Affirmed.

*Enoch Flagg, *Leonard W. Stowell, Ashael Bellows, Benj^{a}. Butman, Surveyors of Wood and Bark.

*Leonard Worcester, Rufus Porter, Samuel Hathaway, *John W. Lincoln, Jonathan Nelson, John Jones, Fence Viewers.

Reuben Munroe, Samuel Hathaway, Benj^{a}. Chapin, *Silas Brooks, *Henry Rogers, *Leonard Worcester, *Arnold Morse, Samuel Ward, *Jubal Wheelock, *John W. Lincoln, *Isaac Mills, Joseph Curtis, Field-Drivers.

Rejoice Newton, Lewis Bigelow, John W. Lincoln, John Miller, Otis Corbett, Nathan Heard, J^{r}. George T. Rice, Enoch Flagg, Stephen Goddard, Fire Wards; who have accepted their Office as p^{r}. Certificate on file.

John Green, Moses N. Child, *Isaac Mills, Jubal Wheelock, *Luther Burnett, J^{r}., Daniel Chadwick, J^{r}., *Austin Denny, *Ichabod Washburn, *Samuel Perry, *Osgood Bradley, *Southworth A. Howland, *Clarendon Harris, *Limon Howe, Jabez Rice, *Enos Tucker, *Leonard Worcester, *Joel Putnam, Amos Black, Moses Whipple, *Alden Blanchard, Hog-Reeves.

Otis Corbett, Ira McFarland, Lewis Cutting, Gardner Burbank, John Flagg, John Gleason, J^{r}., Silas Barber, 2^{d}, Silas Brooks, Jonathan Nelson, School Committee.

Voted to raise and assess Two Thousand Dollars upon the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town, For the support of Public Schools the Current year, and the money to be expended in the following manner,—viz. Twelve Hundred Dollars whereof to be distributed in proportion to the number of Minors; as heretofore, $200, whereof to be divided among the Out Districts; and the Remainder to be applied to the Support of the Grammar-School.

Voted that the Swine shall not go at large in town the current year. Likewise Horses Neat Cattle & Mules.

Voted not to raise money for contingent expenses of the Town; till the adjournment.

Voted not to choose Tithingmen.

Voted to have Boxes for Three Meeting Houses in Town; to post Notifications upon.

Chose Samuel Harrington, Samuel T. Read, Rejoice Newton, John W. Lincoln, John Davis, W^{m}. F. Paine, Enoch Flagg, Committee to take into Consideration the subject of a Town Hall and to report at the adjournment.

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* Sworn.

Voted to adjourn this meeting until the First Monday in May next at two of the clock in the afternoon.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieut. Governor, Councellors and Senators of this Commonwealth, held at the South-Meeting House in said Town on Monday the 5th of April AD. 1824 the votes were as follows viz.

His Excellency

William Eustis	298	For Governor.
Samuel Lathrop Esq.	222	
Hon. Levi Lincoln	1	

Hon Marcus Morton	298	For Lieut. Governor.
" Richard Sullivan	223	

Edmund Cushing Esq	298	Hon Benjamin Adams	222
D^{r}. Daniel Thurber	298	Nathaniel P. Denny	214
Nathaniel Houghton Esq	298	Jos. G. Kendall	223
Col. Joseph Davis	298	Joshua Brown	1
Maj. John Brown	297	Bezaleel Taft J^{r}.	1
Hon. Aaron Tufts,	221	Austin Denny	1
" Stephen P. Gardner	223	Saml. Mixter	1

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

May 3^{d} 1824

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth held at the South-Meeting-House in said Town on Monday the Third day of May AD 1824 the following votes were passed and persons chosen viz

1st Voted to be represented the present year.

2^{d} Voted to send Four Representatives to represent the Town in the General Court the present political year.

Chose William Eaton, Edward D. Bangs, Otis Corbett, John W. Lincoln, Representatives.

Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote in Town-affairs, held at the South Meeting House in said town on Monday the Third day of May 1824 by adjournment from the first of March last The following votes were passed viz.

Voted to excuse Luther Johnson as High-Way-Surveyor; and Chose Abel Flagg in his stead. Who was sworn May 22.

Voted that the Representatives be requested to get permission, to remove the Gun-House in said Town.

Chose John Gleason Jr. Collector of Taxes And that he receive Two Cents & nine mills on the Dollar for his commission.

*John Gleason Jr., *Lewis Bigelow, *John W. Lincoln, Constables.

The Committee appointed at the anual Meeting in March last to Examine & make an Estimate of what Sums of money will be necessary the Inhabitants to raise by a Tax, to meet the expences of the Town the Current year submit the following Report, viz.

	$ Cts
For the Support of the Poor at the poor House Boarding the Superintendent his Wife & Son, W. I. Goods Beds & Bed Clothing Household Utensials Physicians Bill & Clothing for the Poor more than what can be procured at said House	300
The expence of Keziah Morse, Mary Temple, David Flagg and a child of John Gleason, Deceas'd Town Paupers and not at the Poor House out on Contract	275
The pay to the Superintendent & family their Labor & superintending s'd poor Establishment the current year on Contract	385
The expences of Roads, Bridges, Guide posts generally over & above what is done by Highway Taxes	100
The alteration on the County-Road by Jones to Leicester line thro Jones Land 84 Rods, thro' Adams Land 120 Rods making said Road & Damages to Jones laid out & ordered by the Court of Sessions	550
A variety of Contingent expences arising within said Town yearly & for the present year such as purchasing Stock for the farm, farming tools repairing the same, purchasing Powder for the Militia at Musters, Town Agent & Attorneys fees &c.	500

*Sworn.

Collectors Commissions for collecting the State, County & Town Taxes the current year, abatements on the said Taxes Town Treasurers pay the Assessors pay for making a Town Valuation the High-Way Taxes Warrants the State County and Town Taxes and recording the same 350

$2460

From which deduct for the Interest on the Town-Bonds & Flaggs Ground Rent one year 357

$2103

To be Granted $2103, and Voted the same to be assessed on the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town.

Worcester May 3d 1824

All which is respectfully submitted

Abraham Lincoln
Enoch Flagg } Committee
Thos. Chamberlain

Voted to accept the above Report and that the Sum recommended be raised & assessed upon the Inhabitants' Polls & Estates of said Town

The Selectmen's Report of the Town's Bonds

Names of the Principal Names of the Sureties	Dates of each Bond	Amount of each Bond
Samuel Flaggs Ground Lease	April 1st 1805	
Nathaniel Gates Levi Gates & Joseph Mann	Dec. 1st 1821	$449, 44
Erastus Tucker Nathaniel Gates & Lewis Bigelow	Dec 1st 1823	230, 00
Samuel Sturtevant Saml. Sturtevant Jr. John Flagg Wm. Harrington and Lewis Sturtevant	Dec. 1st 1821	633, 16
Reuben Gleason James Gleason & Amos Flagg	Dec. 1st. 1812	161, 58
Wm. Chamberlain Peter Slater & Willard Moore	Dec. 1st. 1813	246, 67
John Jones Simon Gates & Wm Paine	Dec. 1st. 1816	141, 00
Joel Putnam Saml & Charles Putnam	Dec. 1st. 1818	78, 67
William Eaton Jr. William Eaton & Rufus Porter	Dec. 1st. 1819	51, 86
Daniel Denny David Richards & Ephraim Mower	Oct 1st. 1808	142, 00
Abraham Lincoln John Gleason & Ephraim Mower	Dec. 1st. 1816	418, 11
Jedediah Healey Saml. Ward & Saml. Warden	Dec. 1st 1819	69, 33
Thos. Chamberlain Wm. Chamberlain & David Curtis	Dec. 1st 1811	336, 66
Mary Wheeler & Saml. Graves Wm. Eaton Jr. & Wm. Harrington	Dec. 1st 1818	110, 00
James Wilson Stephen Goddard	Dec 1st. 1820	408, 62
Benjamin Chapin Timothy Bancroft	Dec. 1st. 1812	125, 00
Nathaniel Stowell Thomas Rice & Paul Gates	Dec. 1st. 1805	86, 67
Ephraim Mower Thos. G. Mower & John Gleason	Dec. 1st. 1811	292, 56
Wm Coes Thaddeus Chapin	Dec. 1st 1812	125, 00

May 3d A. D. 1824

Annual Amount of Interest on each Bond	The period to which the Int. is paid on each Bond	
$ Cts.		
20,	Dec. 1st. 1823	
26, 97	Do	
13, 80	Do	Exchanged for Benj. Goddards Bond
37, 99	Do	
9, 70	Do	
14, 80	Do	
8, 46	Do	
4, 72	Do	
3, 11	Do	
8, 52	Do	
25, 09	Do	
4, 16	Do	
20, 20	Do	
6, 60	Do	
24, 52	Do	
7, 50	Do	
5, 20	Do	
17, 56	Do	
7, 50	Do	

Nathan White	Dec. 1st 1815	133, 33
Israel Whitney & Ephraim Mower		
John W. Hubbard	Dec. 1st 1819	103, 00
Nathl. Paine & David Richards		
Rufus Porter	Dec. 1st 1811	300, 75
Joel Gates & Lewis Bigelow		
Willard Moore	Dec. 1st 1809	75, 83
Wm. Moore & Wm. Chamberlain		
Moses N. Child	Dec. 1st 1809	230. 00
Paul Shepard & Wm. Moore		
Levi Rice	Dec. 1st 1817	87, 50
William Eaton & Peter Slater		
Cornelius Stowell	Dec. 1st 1815	35, 00
Thomas Johnson & Abel Stowell		
George Moore	Dec. 1st 1823	119, 44
Alpheus Merrifield		
Daniel Stearns & Daniel Stearns Jr.	Dec. 1st 1823	425, 65
Sewall Stearns & Mathew Gray		
		$5616, 83

Worcester April 30th 1824 Receiv'd of the Selectmen the Sum of Three Hundred and fifty seven Dollars & four cents in full for the Interest on the Town Bonds & Ground Rent agreeable to the foregoing Report as stated by them

James Wilson, Town Treasurer.

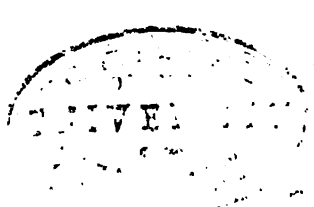
8, 00	Do	
6, 18	Do	
18, 05	Do	
4, 55	Do	
13, 80	Do	
5, 25	Do	
2, 10	Do	
7, 17	Do	This was Silas Bigelow's Bond exchanged
25, 54	Do	This was Wm Eaton's & Saml. Stowell's Bond exchanged.
$357, 04		

Abraham Lincoln
Wm. Chamberlain
John Gleason
Edward D. Bangs
Joel Gleason
} Selectmen of Worcester

Dr. The Town of Worcester in Acct Current with James Wilson Treasurer of s'd Town for 1823

1823 June 3d To payment of the following Orders.

N°. 1	John Flagg 3d	$174,11	
2	Gideon Paine & Archibald Willard	105,61	
3	Capt. Samuel Wiswall	40,00	
4	Curtis Rice	9,42	
5	Thomas Stowell	7,10	
6	John Reed	180,00	
7	Isaac Chadwick	5,16	
8	Lemuel Morse	73,23	
9	Thomas B. Eaton	9,30	
10	Reuben Munroe	1,50	
			605 43
11	Reuben Munroe	5,95	
12	Levi Howe	35,78	
13	George W. Brooks	108,30	
14	Joseph Daniels Jr.	64,16	
15	Elisha Flagg	96,91	
16	1st Parish in Worcester	56,22	
17	Sewall Stearns	78,40	
18	Charles Fiske	100,00	
19	George Moore	62,00	
20	Timothy Taft	3,75	
			611 47
21	William Chamberlain	7,46	
22	Abraham Lincoln, John Gleason Jr. & John Flagg Assessors for 1823	100,00	
23	Welcome Washburn	8,60	
24	Robert & Charles Blair	100,00	
25	Benjamin Chapin	38,24	
26	Curtis Rice	23,16	
27	Wm T. Alexander	2,79	
28	William Jenison	2,29	
29	Francis T. Merrick	10,00	
30	John F. Clark	163,60	
			456 44
31	The 2d Parish in Worcester	31,00	
32	Nathl. Harrington & Sons	78,00	
33	Aaron Flagg	75,55	
34	Martin Wilder	7,00	
			191 55



35	Daniel Stone	146,04	
36	Overseers of the Town of Rochester	80,00	
37	Daniel Tatman	124,68	
38	Rice & Miller	3,58	
39	Willard Moore	134,65	
40	Samuel Warden	5,55	
			494 50
			$2359 39
41	John Eaton	21,96	
42	Samuel Harrington Jr.	470,63	
43	Henry Rogers	6,42	
44	Capt Luther Burnett	28,26	
45	Capt Samuel Perry	31,21	
46	Charles Fiske	100,00	
47	Capt. Charles Putnam	17,71	
48	John Rogers	21,84	
49	Capt James Estabrook	8,13	
50	Capt Samuel Ward	20,67	
			727 13
51	Capt Nathaniel Gates	25,72	
52	Samuel Graves	322,05	
53	Capt Samuel Wiswall	18,00	
54	Harmon Chamberlain	61,05	
55	Abraham Lincoln	92,39	
56	William Eaton	11,18	
57	Benjamin Chapin	14,00	
58	Nathaniel Stowell	5,16	
59	Curtis Rice	1,25	
60	Luke Gray	5,08	
			556 51
61	John Gleason J^{r}.	17,62	
62	Joel Knap	17,00	
63	Rice & Miller	12,51	
64	Calvin Darby	12,24	
65	Jacob Miller	9,30	
66	Thomas B. Eaton	27,75	
67	George Moore	33,06	
	Treasurers Commission the past year	20,00	
			149 48
			3792 51

Amount of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason J^{r}. Collector of Taxes for the years 1822 & 1823 Uncollected	2319,68	
Amount of Cash in the Treasury this day unpaid out	4416,30	6735 98
		$10528 49

C^{r}. The Town of Worcester in Acc^{t} Current with James Wilson Town Treasurer for 1823

1823 May 5	
By ballance of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason J^{r}. Collector of Taxes for the year 1822 $2594,78 also the ballance of Taxes in the hands of John Flagg Collector for the year 1821 $1111,98 also Cash remaining in the Treasury this day $3189,23 in the whole amounting to $6895,99 agreeable to the Report of the Town's Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer	6895 99
Dec. 22^{d} By Assessors Certificate of Taxes for the year 1823 committed to John Gleason J^{r}. Collector and charged by me to him	3249 46
1824 April 30	
By Amount receiv'd of the Selectmen for Ground rent & Interest on Town Bonds the past year	357 04
By Amount receiv'd by the Selectmen of Tamara & Plank [?] for damage, by their returning to the Poor House, Jonas Brooks J^{r}. Contrary to his Indentures	20
1823 May 3	
By Cash of Charles Blair, on the Militia law for his exemption	2
" of John W. Hubbard	2
" of Jonas Parker	2
	$10528 49

Worcester May 3^{d} 1824

The Committee appointed by the Town to settle the Treasurers Account for the last year, after a careful examination of the Account by him exhibited, find the same correctly stated & rightly cast, and that he has charged the Town with the sum of three thousand seven hundred & ninety-two dollars and fifty-

one cents; and that he has credited the Town with Ten thousand five hundred twenty eight dollars & forty-nine cents receiv'd by him and outstanding in the hands of the present Collector leaving a Ballance in favor of the Town of Six thousand seven hundred & thirty five dollars and ninety eight cents now in his hands and the hands of the Collector, to be hereafter accredited to the town, & to be accounted for by him in his future accounts; The Treasurer's Commissions for the past year having been deducted from the credit, leaving the balance aforesaid

John Miller
Enoch Flagg
Silas Brooks

The Committee to whose consideration was submitted the article in the Warrant relative to the erection of a Town-House ask leave to Report as follows

There can be no doubt that a Hall of sufficient dimensions to accommodate the encreasing population of the Town and fitted & furnished for the purpose of transacting Town-business would be a great convenience to the Inhabitants as the First Parish, whose Meeting-house has been hitherto used as a Town House feel disinclined to permit a further use of that building for town-purposes, unless we have a legal right thereto, or pay an equivalent for the same. The only question therefore which the Town have to decide is whether it will build or attempt to hire and the Committee are unanimously & decidedly of opinion that it would be most for its interest and convenience to build. The character, population & resources of the Town fully justify this opinion and the Committee have no doubt that ultimately this course will be found the most economical. It is more difficult to determine what kind of a building it is expedient to erect. The committee have, however, after carefully investigating the subject, & examining the drawings and plans which accompany this report concluded that a building 62 feet by 50 with two full stories and a basement will best subserve the interests of the town. They design the basement as a Market-House or provision Store the first Story as a Town-Hall and the second they intend shall be finished into two-halls one for the use of the Agricultural Society of this County and the other to be rented. A building of this construction is recommended because it is fully believed that the basement may be annually rented for a sum not less than fifty dollars. That one of the Halls may be rented to the Lodge of Masons for nearly one hundred dollars annually and the other subject to the use of the Agricultural Society for nearly the same sum as a school

room, and whether they shall be appropriated to these specific purposes or not the committee have no doubt that the apartments should the building be set in a central part of the town would rent as high as the above estimate

The estimate of the whole expense as made by Capt Lewis Bigelow is $7,000, for a brick & $6,000 for a wooden building.

If it was necessary to raise the sum of money by an immediate assessment upon the inhabitants the committee would doubt the expediency of adopt[ing] such a measure, but as the money can be raised by instalments from year to year of small sums and as that seems to be the most just & equitable mode of making an assessment, the committee suppose that obstacle can be easily removed by procuring a loan of money upon the credit of the Towd. Such a loan there is little doubt can be obtained on more favorable terms than the usual rate of interest probably as low as five per cent. Should it be procured on these terms it will be perceiv'd that the rents of the building will probably pay the interest of from $4000 to $5000 so that the Town cannot in any event advance beyond $3000, for which it will not receive an equivalent unless the expectations of the committee should be disappointed of which there is not much probability as their estimates are quite as low as the average of rents in the town.

The committee can only state in relation to the location of the building that Doct Paine has in the most liberal manner offered to make gratuitously a Deed of a lot of land a little north of M^{r}. Lovell's tavern if the town see fit to place it there. The Agricultural Society as appears by an abstract from their records accompanying this report have appointed a Committee to reconvey the land lately conveyed to that Society by the Town on the terms & conditions in said abstract mentioned. These two spots have been examined by the committee & the other public grounds of the town but the Committee forbear designating any spot as most suitable for the location.

In conclusion the committee recommend that the town erect a Hall of brick substantially upon the abovementioned plan and that a loan of sufficient money for that purpose be procured on the most favorable terms, to be refunded by instalments annually to such amount as the town shall deem expedient.

All which is respectfully submitted

	Samuel Harrington	Fred. Wm Paine
Worcester	Enoch Flagg	John W. Lincoln
May 3^{d} 1824	John Davis	

The above was read & accepted

Voted that the Town will build a Town-House

Chose Fred. W^m^. Paine, Otis Corbett, Abijah Bigelow, Ephraim Mower, Samuel Ward, Lewis Bigelow, Samuel Allen J^r^. Benj^a^. Chapin, Nathan Heard J^r^. Enoch Flagg, The Selectmen

Committee to locate the Town House; and the way and manner the funds shall be raised, to build said Town House also of what materials it shall shall be erected.

Voted to adjourn this meeting one fortnight from this time at two of the clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benj^a^. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town-affairs assembled at the South Meeting House in said town on Monday the Third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty-four the following votes were pass'd viz:

1st Chose Abraham Lincoln Esq., Moderator.

2^d^ Voted that the Town's Agent be instructed to oppose the Roads[1] now pending in the Court of Sessions mentioned in the Second Article of the warrant.

Voted that the Street from Abraham Lincoln's store to Broken up Hill untill it comes to Barber's Road at the Guide-post, be called Salisbury-Street.

On motion made & seconded to dissolve the meeting it pass'd in the affirmative.

A True Entry Attest Benj^a^. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote in Town-affairs, held at the South Meeting House in said town on the seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, by adjournment from the first of March and continued from the Third Instant the following votes were passed and Committees chosen viz.

[1] "One near pine Meadow and to go thro it, one to begin near M^r^. Salisburys and to go across & come out near Lincoln & Newtons Saw Mill on Tacknet Road, one other near Mrs. Thaxters or Smiths to Holden."

Chose John Flagg, Silas Brooks, Enoch Flagg, John Davis, W^m^. Chamberlain, Committee to purchase Samuel Flagg's Store and to have it removed for a Spot for the Town-House, to the best advantage for said Town.

The Committee to whom the subject of the proposed Town-House was refered at the town meeting held on the 3^d^ of May, have attended to that duty & beg leave to report as follows.

That they consider the ground on which the shop occupied by Reuben Munroe now stands to be the most eligible location for the proposed Building as in their opinion it can be erected at the least cost and also be rented to the most advantage. The Committee from enquiry they have made cannot estimate the probable rents at less than three hundred Dollars per annum and they believe that they will exceed rather than fall short of that sum. And in their opinion no other location which could be obtained would be so advantageous to the Town in this point of view. The Committee have ascertained that M^r^. Samuel Flagg who holds the land under a Lease from the Town, will give up the lease together with his property the Building now on the ground for the sum of Seven hundred and fifty Dollars—and provided the Town will acquit M^r^. Flagg of the ground rent now due & will pay to M^r^. Munroe the sum of Thirty dollars possession can be obtained on the first of July.

And the Committee are authorized by M^r^. Lewis Bigelow to say that he will purchase the Building now on the ground at the price of Three Hundred Dollars; but in their opinion it is worth more; they estimate the value of the stones in the Cellar and the underpining to be worth Fifty Dollars.

The Committee have measured and staked out the ground in conformity to a plan already laid before the Town under the impression that a Building substantially the same would be erected and they recommend that the South side of the building be placed at the distance of Fifty-nine feet from the bellfry of the Meeting house of the first Parish and the West end of it on a line with the West porch of said Meeting House.

The Committee were not directed to enquire into the kind of Building suitable for the purposes contemplated and they shall only observe in their opinion it will be advisable to have a Basement Story as adding very little to the cost and considerable to the rents to be obtained from it. The Committee are of opinion that the Basement Story should be of Stone & the rest of Brick.

As the least burdensome mode of paying for the Town House the committee recommend that a loan be obtained on the Security

of the Town to be repaid by annual installments of one thousand Dollars in addition to the Interest. They think a Loan of sufficient money may be procured at less than the legal Interest.

The above was read and recommitted to the same Committee and the meeting adjourned for half an hour at the time met and the following Report was presented and read viz.

The Town now assembled having voted that the subject of the Town-House be recommitted to the same Committee for further consideration, that Committee have attended to that duty & request leave to Report as follows.

The Committee recommend that the Town pass the following Votes

First that the Town-House be so placed as to have the South Side at a distance of fifty nine feet from the Bellfry of the Meeting-House of the First Parish and that the West end be placed on a line with the West Porch of said Meeting-House.

Second. That the Town-House be Sixty-four feet long by fifty-four feet wide.

3d That the Basement Story of the Town House be of Stone and the upper Stories of Brick.

4th That the money to defray the expence of the Town-House be raised by a Loan on the Security of the Town to be repaid by annual Installments not exceeding the Sum of One Thousand Dollars in addition to the Interest and that the term for the payment of the whole not exceeding fourteen years.

By All which is respectfully submitted

By order of the Committee Fred. Wm. Paine

The above was read and accepted.

Voted that the Town House shall not exceed 64 feet long and fifty-four wide.

Voted that the expence of said Town House shall not exceed Seven Thousand Dollars.

Voted to choose a Committee to superintend the Building of a Town-House and chose the following persons.

Fred. Wm. Paine, John W. Lincoln, William Eaton, Otis Corbett, Enoch Flagg, Building Committee.

Voted that the above named persons be authorized to procure a Loan of Seven Thousand Dollars to build a Town House; to be raised on the Security of the Town.

Meeting dissolv'd

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin Town Clerk

Boston May 27th 1824

The Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester in the County of Worcester in consideration of Four Thousand Dollars loaned them by Nathaniel Bowaik, [*sic*] Dudley L. Pickman and Leverett Saltonstall Trustees under the will of Simeon Forrester late of Salem in the County of Essex, deceas'd for Catherine Andrew Wife of John Andrew of Salem aforesaid, do hereby promise to pay the said Bowdick, Pickman & Saltonstall, their successors in said trust or order said sum of Four Thousand Dollars within fourteen years from the date hereof with Interest annually at and after the rate of five and a half per Centum no payment or Installment to exceed the sum of Five Hundred and Seventy Dollars in any one year in addition to the Interest. The said Interest and principal to be paid in Boston. The said sum of Four Thousand Dollars having been procured by Vote of said Town to erect a Town House as appears by an attested Copy of the proceedings of a meeting of said Inhabitants hereunto annexed

In behalf of the Town of Worcester

Copy	Attest Benja. Chapin for	Fred. Wm Paine	Committee
of	Attest John Wade for	John W. Lincoln William Eaton Otis Corbett	
Bond	Attest Luther Burnett Jr. for Enoch Flagg		

Boston May 27th 1824

The Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester in the County of Worcester in consideration of the sum of Three Thousand Dollars loaned them by Nathaniel Bowdick, Dudley L. Pickman & Leverett Saltonstall Trustees for Eleonora Carlile Widow a Daughter of the said Simeon Forrester, do hereby promise to pay the said Bowdick, Pickman and Saltonstall, their successors in said Trust or Order, said sum of Three Thousand Dollars within fourteen years from the date hereof with Interest annually at and after the rate of five and an half per Centum no payment or Installment to exceed the sum of Four Hundred and Thirty Dollars in any one year in addition to the Interest. The said Interest and principal to be paid in Boston. The said sum of three thousand dollars having been procured by Vote of said Town to erect a Town

House as appears by an attested Copy of the proceedings of a meeting of said Inhabitants hereunto annexed

In behalf of the Town of Worcester

Copy of Bond } Attest B. Chapin for Fred. Wm Paine
Attest John Wade for John W. Lincoln, William Eaton, Otis Corbett
Attest Luther Burnett Jr. for Enoch Flagg
} Committee

A True Entry from the Copy on file

Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk of the Town of Worcester.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the South Meeting House in s'd Town on Monday the 23d day of August 1824 the following votes were passed viz.

1st Chose Otis Corbett, Moderator.

2d " John Flagg Assessor[1] Sworn Augt. 23d by the Town Clerk

3d Voted not to choose any more Selectmen[2]

4th Voted that the Committee for building of a Town Hall be directed to complete the building and be authorized to draw for the necessary money on the Treasurer of the Town & that the sum should not exceed eighteen hundred dollars.

Voted that the Engine & Hearse House be removed near the Gun House and chose the following persons a Committee to superintend the removal and the repairing of said Engine house.

John Miller, Saml. Harrington, Lewis Bigelow.

6th Art. Voted that there shall not be any more interments of the dead in the Old Burrying Ground near the Common or South-Meeting-House in said town.

Voted that the Selectmen of the Town for the time being be authorized to take care of the Trees which are in the Centre School District which are growing or may be growing in the Streets and on the Common of said District.

Chose Pliny Merrick Esq., Town Agent.

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[1] In place of Hon. Abraham Lincoln deceased.

[2] To supply the vacancies occasioned by the death of Abraham Lincoln and removal from the town of Edward D. Bangs.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to remove or cause to be removed the Hay-Scales from the Town's land, owned by the Heirs of the late Abel Stowell.

Chose John W. Lincoln, Otis Corbett & John Davis a Committee to investigate the last article [1] in the warrant & to report thereon at a future meeting.

Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, held at the South Meeting House in said Town on the First Monday of Nov. 1824 the following persons were voted for said Electors viz and had the number of votes annexed to their names viz.

Electors at Large.

Hon. William Gray	263
" Levi Lincoln	263
" William Baylies	32
" William Reed	32

Electors for Suffolk District.

Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop	263
" Charles Jackson	32

Electors for Essex South District.

Hon. Nathaniel Silsbee	263
" Leverett Saltonstall	32

Electors for Essex North District.

D^{r}. Joseph Kittredge	263
David Howe Esq	36

Electors for Middlesex District.

Augustus Tower Esq.	263
Samuel Hoar J^{r}. Esq.	35

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[1] ARTICLE 10:—"To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will choose a Committee to enquire whether any of the owners of Buildings on Front Street, have encroached on the Town land or public highway by Front Yards or placing door steps thereon."

Electors for Worcester South District.

Gen. Jonathan Davis	262
Hon. Aaron Tufts	32
Seth Hastings	1

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Electors for Worcester North District.

Edmund Cushing Esq.	263
Hon. Solomon Strong	36

Electors For Franklin District.

Oliver Smith Esq.	263
Gen. Samuel Porter	35

Electors for Hampden District.

Enos Foot Esq	263
Hon. Lewis Strong	32

Electors for Berkshire District.

Hon. William Walker	298

Electors for Norfolk District.

Hon. John Endicott	263
" Edward H. Robbins	32

Electors for Plymouth District.

Hon. Thomas Weston	263
" Ebenezer Gay	33

Electors for Bristol District.

Cornelius Grinnell Esq.	263
Hon. John M. Williams	36

Electors for Barnstable District.

Hezekiah Barnard Esq.	263
Nymphas Marston Esq.	36

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk.

The following persons had the number of Votes annexed to their names for a Representative for Worcester South District, to Congress, on the first Day of Nov. 1824 viz.

Maj. Sumner Bastow	128
" John Davis	152
Hon. Jonas Sibley	2
M^r^. Otis Corbett	3
Gen. Thomas Chamberlain	1

Attest Benj^a^. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to Vote in Town affairs, held at the South Meeting House in said Town on Monday the first day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and twenty four then and there the following votes were passed viz.

1st. Chose M^r^. Otis Corbett, Moderator.

2^d^. " Stephen Goddard, John W. Lincoln, Saml. M. Burnside Committee on allowing accounts.

Chose W^m^. Chamberlain, John W. Lincoln & Enoch Flagg Committee to rent the Town Halls and basement story.

3 The Committee chosen at a former meeting[1] to enquire into the subject of encroachments on Front-Street made a verbal report which was not accepted and the Committee were discharged from any further duty.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 22^d^ day of this month at 2 of the clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benj^a^. Chapin Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held on the 22^d^ of Nov. AD 1824 by adjournment from the first Instant the following Report was accepted.

"The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Town of Worcester, at a meeting, holden on the first Ins^t^. to examine the accounts which are outstanding against said Town, and to report thereon, have attended to the duties assigned them, and now ask leave to submit the following Report.

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[1] See page 203.

They have examined & recommend the allowance in full of an account of Hon. Levi Lincoln for professional Services amounting to $184,60.

In relation to this account your Committee deem it proper to remark, that although they consider the fees charged by the Hon. Judge Lincoln to be reasonable for the Services stated by him to have been rendered to the Town in their action against Wm E. Green Esq. Yet they are at a loss to understand how so much time and attention became necessary on his part as to warrant a charge of this magnitude, when they find that another gentleman was associated with him in the preperation & argument of the cause. Judge Lincoln states, that the whole research & labor necessary to the argument devolved on him; and yet your Committee have been apprised by Edward D. Bangs Esq. that he has a claim against the Town to be hereafter exhibited for his services in the same cause. As your Committee are not informed of the amount of the charges of M^{r}. Bangs, and as they are satisfied that all the time & attention were bestowed by Judge Lincoln, which are stated by him they recommend the allowance of his account in full.

They also recommend the allowance of the following accounts viz

	$	Cts
One in favor of Doc^{t} Benj^{a} Chapin amounting to	87	53
One in favor of John Eaton	24	84
Do. Edward D. Bangs Esq	46	84
" Nathl. Harrington	74	48
" Francis Grout	18	07
" Thos. B. Eaton	26	75
" Archibald Willard	5	00
" Daniel Heywood & Co.	28	58
" Charles Putnam	25	81
" Town Assessors	100	00
" Patty Gray	2	31
" Green & Heywood	18	00
" John Gleason J^{r}.	12	10
" W^{m}. Chamberlain	35	07
Amounting to	$689	98

All which is respectfully submitted

Worcester Nov. 22^{d} 1824. Saml. M. Burnside
Stephen Goddard
John W. Lincoln

Voted to dissolve the meeting

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held on the third day of January AD. 1825 for a Representative to the Nineteenth Congress of the United States of America; for the Worcester South District; the following persons were voted for and the number annexed to their names.

Hon. Jonas Sibley,	93
John Davis Esq.,	119
Sumner Bastow Esq.,	4

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, held at the South Meeting House in said Town, on Monday, the Seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five The following persons were chosen into office as set against their names respectively; likewise the following Votes were passed at said meeting.

1st Chose Otis Corbett Esq. Moderator.

2[d] " Benjamin Chapin, Town Clerk; who was sworn by Sam[l]. M. Burnside Esq. as per Certificate on file Dated March 7th 1825.

*Otis Corbett, *John Gleason J[r]., *John W. Lincoln, *Daniel Stone, *William Eaton, Selectmen.

*John Gleason J[r]., *Alpheus Merrifield, *John W. Lincoln, Assessors.

James Wilson, Town Treasurer.

Lewis Bigelow, William Eaton, John Flagg, Committee of Estimates.

Samuel Allen Esq. had One-hundred and twenty Votes given him for County Treasurer.

4th Art.[1] Voted to postpone that article until the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to raise and assess Two Thousand Dollars for the support of Public Schools in town the current year and that the money be expended in the same way and manner as last year; likewise chose the following persons for the School Committee.

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[1] To raise money for town expenses. * Sworn.

Enoch Flagg, Charles Blair, Uriel Johnson, John Flagg, John Gleason, Jr., Samuel Stowell, Moses Brigham, Saml. T. Read, Israel Whitney, School-Committee.

Voted to raise $2,000 to Repair the public Roads and that the money be expended in the same way and manner as last year; refference being had to the price of labor and ox-work as voted the preceeding years.

William Chamberlain, Lewis Cutting, *Israel Whitney, Sewall Rice, *Rufus Wesson, *Jabez Rice, *John Gleason Jr., *Wm. Trowbridge Jr. *Ebenezer Read, *William Barber, *Ebenezer Gates, *Ebenezer Mower, Benja. Read (Excused) *Saml. Sturtefant, *Sylvanus Livermore, *Willard Moore, *Charles Blair, *William Goss, Lewis Barnard, High Way Surveyors & Collectors.

Chose Pliny Merrick, Saml. M. Burnside, F. Wm. Paine, John Flagg, Thos. Chamberlain, Committee To take into consideration and to report the best mode of Collecting the High Way Tax.

Voted not to choose Constables until the adjournment.

John M. Earle, Saml. Ward, Clerks of the Market.

*Willard Brown, Pound-Keeper.

John W. Hubbard, John W. Lincoln, Austin Denny, Committee to settle with the Town-Treasurer.

John M. Earle Sealer of Leather.

Paul Shepard, Culler of Hoops & Staves.

Lewis Bigelow, *Saml. Warden, Surveyors of Lumber.

*Samuel Allen Jr., *Clarendon Harris, John M. Earle, Wm. Harrington, Ashel Bellows, Measurers of Wood & Bark.

*Samuel Hathaway, *Henry Heywood, Daniel Stone, *Benja. Flagg, Nathl. Brooks 2d, *Elijah Flagg, Fence-Viewers.

*Sewall Elder, *Elisha Smith, *Amos Black, *Henry Heywood, *Saml. Hathaway, Ephraim Mower (excused) *Samuel Taylor, Field Drivers.

7th Art. Voted that the Swine shall no[t] go at large the current year.

8th Art. Voted to prohibit Neat Cattle, Horses & Mules going at large the current year.

Varnum Brigham, John Eaton, *Joseph Patch, Nathan White, Gardner Burbank, Saml. Sturtevant Jr., Rufus Porter, George W. Brooks, Hosea Brigham, *Dennis Smith, Hog-Reeves.

Rejoice Newton, Lewis Bigelow, John W. Lincoln, John Miller,

* Sworn.

Otis Corbett, Nathan Heard, J^r^. George T. Rice, Stephen Goddard, Enoch Flagg, Fire-Wards, who have accepted said Office as per Certificate on file.

11th Art.[1] Postponed to the adjournment.

12th Art. Voted that the Town request the Court of Sessions to cause a Map of the County of Worcester to be procured from actual survey at the expense of said County and the Towns Agent Pliny Merrick Esq. is to notify the Court of said Vote.

13th Art.[2] Voted to choose a Committee of three to take that subject into consideration, whose duty should be to ascertain the bounds on Front street and to report the expediency or inexpediency of permitting those persons who own Buildings on said Street; to Build or Erect Front Yards. Chose the following persons for said Committee John W. Lincoln, Saml. M. Burnside and John W. Hubbard.

14th Art. and 15th Art.[3 4] Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to take those articles into consideration and to Report at the adjournment.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in May next; to meet at the new Town House, at two of the Clock P. M. Adjourned accordingly.

A True Entry Attest Benj^a^. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified by the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth to vote for Govenor Lieut. Govenor, Counsellors & Senators of this Commonwealth, held at the South Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five Then the

[1] Report on the town bonds.

[2] ARTICLE 13:—"To see if the Town will vote to allow the persons who own houses on Front-Street to erect Yards in front of their houses of such dimentions and on such terms and conditions as they shall think proper or adopt any measures in relation thereto."

[3] ARTICLE 14:—"To see if the Town will choose a Committee to take into consideration the expediency of forming another School District out of Mr. Charles Stearns and Mr. Elijah Burbanks School Districts and also the necessity of erecting a School-House near the dwelling house belonging to Mr. John Lazell and report thereon at the next meeting."

[4] ARTICLE 15:—"To see if the Town will choose a Committee to ascertain the Bounds of the several School-Districts within said Town."

following persons were voted for the respective offices and had the number of votes expressed against their respective Names

For Govenor		For Lieut. Govenor	
Hon. Levi Lincoln	284	Hon. Marcus Morton	291
" Marcus Morton	9	John Davis Esq.	2
James Loyd	4	Richard Sullivan	2
Charles Jackson	1	Otis Corbett Esq.	1
William Eaton	1	Daniel Noble	1
Samuel Lathrop	1		
William Sullivan	1		

For Counsellors and Senators.

Joseph G. Kendall	274	Daniel Thurber	1
Nathaniel Houghton	294	Levi Lincoln	1
Bezaleel Taft J^{r}.	274	Seth Hastings	1
Gen. William Crawford J^{r}.	159	Joseph G. Hastings	1
William Eaton Esq.	162	Joseph Bowman	2
Nathl. P. Denny	115	Marcus Morton	1
Warren Rawson	103	Benj^{a}. Adams	1
Jonas Sibley	11	John Davis	1
Samuel Mixter	4	Joseph Davis	4
Silas Holman	4	James Draper	2
Robert B. Thomas	3	James Estabrooks	12
Jonathan Davis	3	Josiah Howe	12
Phinehas Jones	3	John W. Lincoln	13
Pliny Merrick	3	Saml. M. Burnside	1
Austin Denny	4	William Crawford	19
Edmund Cushing	2	Bezaleel Taft	9
Moses Thomas	1	Stephen Williams	4
Arthur Adlington	1	Rejoice Newton	1
Edward Connor	1	Nathaniel Jones	1
Henry Rogers	1		

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town-Affairs held on the 4th of April AD. 1825 the following was the business done at said Meeting.

Art. 1 Chose Otis Corbett, Moderator.

2^{d} Voted to grant the Petition of Capt. Lewis Bigelow and that he together with his estate be annexed to the Centre School District in Worcester.

3d Voted to postpone that article[1] to the adjournment of this meeting.

Art. 4th. Voted to choose a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Worcester County Agricultural Society and chose the following persons for said Committee. John W. Lincoln, Fred. Wm. Paine, William Eaton.[2]

Art. 5th Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to fix and establish the Bounds of the several School-Districts and to report their doings to the Town at the adjournment.

6th[3] Voted to postpone said article to the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May next at 2 of the clock P. M.

Adjourned Accordingly

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote for a Representative for the Worcester South Congressional District, held on the 4th of April 1825 the following persons had the number of votes as expressed against their names respectively.

John Davis Esq of Worcester	172	For Representative
Sumner Bastow Esq	53	to
Jonas Sibley Esq	19	19th Congress

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, being qualified voters, held at the new Town Hall in said town,

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[1] ARTICLE 3:—To choose a Committee to settle with the building Committee of the new town hall.

[2] ARTICLE 4:—"To see if the Town will choose a Committee to make an agreement with the Worcester County Agricultural Society for the Reconveyance to the Town of a piece of land adjoining the South-Burial-Ground in Worcester heretofore conveyed to said society by the town, and will allow to said Society the use of a part of the Town-Hall."

[3] ARTICLE 6:—"To see if the Town will take any measures to ascertain and establish the Bounds of the several Highways and of the public lands in said Town, or any part thereof, at the expence of said Town."

on Monday, the Second day of May A. D. 1825 for the choice of one or more Representatives to represent said Town in the General Court the present political year.

1st Voted to be represented by two

2d Chose Col. John W. Lincoln and William Eaton Esq. Representatives to represent the Town in the General Court of this Commonwealth.

3d Voted to postpone indefinitely the remainder of the articles[1] in the warrant.

4th Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held at the new Town Hall on the 2d of May 1825; by adjournment from the 7th of March last, the following was the business viz.

Voted to excuse Benja. Read from serving as Highway Surveyor and Chose Elisha Smith in his stead.

Chose *John Gleason Jr. Collector of Taxes and Voted that he receive Three Cents and six mills on the Dollar for his services.

Chose *John Gleason Jr., *Thomas Howe, *Timothy W. Bancroft, Lewis Bigelow, Constables.

Dr. The Town of Worcester in Acct Current with James Wilson Treasurer of said Town for 1824

1824 To payment of the following Orders

May 5			
No. 1	John Gleason Jr.	136,97	
2	John Coes	22,00	
3	George A. Trumbull	3,34	
4	Enoch Flagg	8,48	
5	John Jones	80,00	
6	Overseers of the Poor of Boston	209,	
7	Charles Fiske	132,50	
8	Walter Bigelow	5,00	
9	Fred. W. Paine	800,00	
10	Gideon Paine & Archibald Willard	651,04	
11	Committee for building Town Hall Fred. W. Paine & Others	1000,00	3048 46

[1] Having reference to reports of committees and a jury list. * Sworn.

12	Benj[a]. Chapin	87,53	
13	Adrian Webb	19,00	
14	Francis Grout	18,07	
15	Edward D. Bangs	46,84	
16	Gideon Paine & Archibald Willard	90,00	
17	Overseers of the Town of Sutton	17,00	
18	Gardner Burbank	130,55	
19	John Gleason J[r].	82,90	
20	Lewis Cutting	147,41	
21	Silas Barber	104,16	
22	Henry Heywood	13,00	
			756 46
23	Sam[l]. Harrington J[r].	30,10	
24	Abner Harlow	9,95	
25	Charles Putnam	25,81	
26	Lemuel Morse	57,56	
27	Silas Brooks	103,43	
28	Hon. Levi Lincoln	184,60	
29	Samuel Graves	364,25	
30	Thomas B. Eaton	26,75	
31	Nath[l]. Harrington & Sons	74,48	
32	Otis Corbett	532,15	
			1409 08
33	Daniel Heywood & Co.	28,58	
34	John Eaton	24,84	
35	W[m]. Chamberlain	25,37	
36	John Gleason J[r].	12,10	
37	Ira M'Farland	148,14	
38	Patty Gray	2,31	
39	John Gleason J[r].	464,89	
40	Jonathan Nelson	71,91	
41	Isaac M. Tucker	10,50	
42	John Flagg	79,24	
			867 88
43	Ashael Bellows	33,84	
45	Green & Heywood	18,00	
44	Charles Fiske	100,00	
46	Do	5,61	
47	Peter Rich	15,00	
48	Washburn & Goddard	179,32	
49	The Assessors	100,	
50	Daniel Goulding	5,32	
51	John Miller	10,87	

52	John Flagg	242,29	
			710 25
	Treasurers Commission		50
See C[r]. side			$6842 13

C[r].

Brought from D[r]. side	6842 13
Amount of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason Collector Uncollected	2485 47
Amount of Cash in the Treasury this day unpaid out	1909 49
	$11237 09

1824 May 5

By ballance of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason J[r]. Collector of Taxes for the years 1822, & 3 $2319,68 also Cash remaining in the Treasury this day $4416,30 in the whole Amounting to $6735,98 agreeable to the Report of the Town's Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer 6735 98

Dec. 23 1825

By Assessors Certificate of Taxes for the year 1824 committed to John Gleason 2[d] Collector, and charged by me to him 4249 04

April 30

By Amount received of the Selectmen for Ground Rent & Interest on Town Bonds 236 07

1824 May 1

By Cash of William Stowell, James Harrington, Stephen R. Tenny, Heman M. Burr, William Hovey, Jubal Wheeler, John Tatman J[r]. and Charles Blair, 16 00

Worcester May 2[d] 1825 $11237 09

The Committee appointed by the Town to examine the accounts of the Treasurer for the last year Report that they have attended to that service & find the foregoing account by him exhibited, to be accurately stated and well vouched, and that it appears by said ac't that the amount of taxes in the hands of the Collector uncollected, is the sum of Two thousand four hundred & eighty five Dollars and forty seven Cents and that the Amount of Cash in the hands of the Treasurer is the sum of One thousand

nine hundred and nine Dollars and fifty nine Cents, after deducting the sum of Fifty Dollars for his services during the year making the amount of Taxes uncollected and of cash in the Treasury the sum of Four thousand three hundred and ninety four Dollars and ninety six Cents

John W. Hubbard
John W. Lincoln } Committee
Austin Denny

The above Report was read and accepted in town meeting.

The Committee appointed at the annual meeting in March last to examine and make a report & estimate of such sums of money as probably will be necessary for the support of the Poor &c was accepted in part and said Report is on file as amended whereon it was Voted the sum of Two thousand eight hundred and ninety eight Dollars and forty three Cents, be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town.

The following Report was read and accepted.

"The Committee chosen at the annual Town Meeting in March to take into consideration the expediency of establishing a New School District out of the New Worcester and Burbank Districts so called also the expediency of erecting a School-house near the dwelling House belonging to M^r. John Lazell, beg leave to report that they have attended to the duties assigned them and that they are of opinion That the formation of a New District would greatly accommodate a respectable number of Families and recommend also the erection of a School-House near the premises aforesaid.

All of which is respectfully submitted
Per Order of the Committee
Otis Corbett

The Committee of the Town of Worcester who were directed to ascertain the bounds of land on Front Street and to report on the expediency of permitting those persons who own Buildings on said Street to build or erect front yards" have attended to the duty assigned them and ask leave to report, that the North lines of the public Common from Cross Street N°. 1 to the Main Street is a strait line, that the owners of the land on Front Street west of Cross Street N°. 1 have no legal right to occupy any land in front of their Houses except in common with their fellow citizens, and that in the opinion of Your Committee it is inexpedient to permit any person to build or erect Yards in front of their houses on any portion of the public land.

All which is respectfully submitted by order of the Committee

Worcester May 2^d 1825 — John W. Lincoln, Chairman

The above was read and accepted Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk.

The Committee to whom was refered the subject of the Collection of the Highway Taxes of the Town for the year ensuing having taken the subject into their consideration now report.

That it is expedient for the Town to adopt the following order viz. That all persons whose highway tax does not exceed the sum of Two Dollars shall pay the same in labor or otherwise on or before the first day of July, and that all other persons shall pay one half of the amount of their said tax on or before the first day of July and the residue thereof on or before the first day of October; provided that legal notice shall be first given by the several Surveyors to all persons taxed.

And that on the failure of any person to make payment as aforesaid the Surveyor in whose district such persons tax is payable shall be empowered & required forthwith to Collect the whole tax in money. And that the Assessors of the Town make and deliver to the said several Surveyors Warrants of Distress for the purposes and with the limitations herein expressed.

All which is respectfully submitted

Pliny Merrick P^{r}. order of the Committee.

The above Report was read and accepted.

Voted that those persons who have not paid the Interest on their Town Bonds be notified to pay the same immediately, or the Bonds to be collected.

Voted to dissolve this meeting Dissolved accordingly

Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held on the 2^{d} of May 1825 by adjournment from the 4th of April last the following was the transaction of said meeting viz.

The following Report was read & accepted.

"The Committee of the Town of Worcester who were directed to confer with a Committee of the Worcester County Agricultural Society on the subject of a reconveyance to said town of the right granted to said Society to improve a piece of land on the Public Common at the Southwest corner of the Burial Ground in said town as a scite for an Agricultural Hall for the use of said Society, have attended to the duty assigned them and ask leave to report

the following resolutions which they respectfully recommend to the Town for their adoption viz.

1st Voted That for and in consideration of the reconveyance by the Worcester County Agricultural Society of all right title interest the said Society have in a certain piece of land on the Public Common at the South west corner of the Burial-Ground in the Town of Worcester heretofore conveyed by said town to said Society to be improved as a sctite for an Agricultural Hall, the said Town do grant to the said Agricultural Society the privilege of using the North-Hall in the second story of the Town-Hall for the purpose of exhibiting the manufactures offered for premium or otherwise at the annual Cattle Show and Exhibition of Manufactures of said Society free of expence to said Society so long as said Society shall improve said Hall for that purpose.

And the right of occupying the said North Hall by the said Society in the manner above rented shall commence from and after the said Society shall have made to the Town of Worcester a conveyance or relinquishment of all their right in the piece of land as above mentioned.

2d Voted That the Selectmen of the Town of Worcester for the time being are hereby authorized upon the application of the Trustees of the Worcester County Agricultural Society to allow to said Society from time to time such further accommodation in any other part of the Town Hall as shall not intefere with the uses of such part of the Hall by the Town or by their authority and not inconsistent with the interests of the town at the discretion of the board of Selectmen

All which is respectfully submitted by order of the Committee.

Worcester May 2d 1825 John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Chose Samuel M. Burnside, John Flagg and Thomas Chamberlain a Committee to settle with the Building Committee who caus'd the new Town-Hall to be erected, and to report at a future meeting.

The following persons to wit John W. Lincoln, Samuel M. Burnside and Thomas Chamberlain were chosen a Committee to ascertain the Bounds of all the Streets and Roads in Town and to establish the same and said Committee were authorized to employ a Surveyor to make the necessary surveys. The expence of the Committee & Surveyor to be defrayed by said Town and to report at a future meeting.

Chose Ephraim Mower, Thomas Chamberlain, and Samuel M. Burnside a Committee to present the thanks of the town to John

Davis Esq. for his able and eloquent Address delivered by him at the dedication of the new Town-Hall. A copy of the Address to be requested for the press.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote for a Representative to Congress and in Town Affairs held at the new Town Hall on Monday the first day of August AD. 1825 for the choice of a Representative for the Worcester-South-District to represent said District in the Nineteenth-Congress of the United States of America two years from the third day of March last.

Benjamin Chapin Town Clerk of the Town of Worcester being absent, the Inhabitants of said town in legal town meeting assembled chose by ballot Rejoice Newton Esq. Town Clerk pro tempore—who was legally sworn into said office by Saml. M. Burnside Esq.

Votes for a Representative to Congress were called for brought in sorted counted and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were for John Davis Esq. of Worcester One-hundred and twenty-six.

Jonas Sibley Esq., Thirty-seven.

Pliny Merrick Esq., Three.

Austin Denny Esq., One.

Saml. M. Burnside Esq., One.

Thomas Howe J^{r}. One.

Article 1st Chose Otis Corbett Esq. Moderator by nomination.

2 Voted to choose a Committee of three, to whom the subject of this article[1] shall be refered; to report at an adjournment of this meeting a plan of seating the Hall and furnishing the Room with an estimate of the expense thereof.

Chose John W. Lincoln, Walter Bigelow, John Miller, Committee.

3^{d} Voted. That the Selectmen be authorized to purchase one or two Stoves for the upper Halls, as they may think proper, with

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[1] ARTICLE 2:—"To see if the Town will raise money for seating the Town Hall and for furnishing the room appropriated for keeping the Town records."

necessary funnel therefor, and that they be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of said town for a sum not exceeding Ninety dollars to defray the expence thereof.

Art. 4th Voted to choose a Committee of five to provide such carriage and to erect such building.[1]

5 Voted to postpone this article[2] until the adjournment of this meeting, and to commit the subject to a Committee to report at the adjournment.

Chose Samuel M. Burnside, Rejoice Newton, Austin Denny, Committee.

6 Voted to postpone this article[3] indefinitely.

7 The Selectmen reported the following list of Jurors, viz.

Samuel Allen Jr.	Elisha Flagg	Ephraim Mower
Charles Blair	Elijah Flagg	Willard Moore
William Barber	Simon S. Gates	Alpheus Merrifield
Lewis Barnard	Nathaniel Gates	George Moore
Elijah Burbank	Reuben Gleason	John Miller
Luther Burnett Jr.	Joel Gleason	Fred. W. Paine
Osgood Bradley	Francis Grout	Joseph Patch
Willard Brown	Samuel Graves	Samuel Perry
Samuel Boyden Jr.	Stephen Goddard	John Ranks
Nathaniel Brooks 2d	Daniel Heywood	Jabez Rice
Timothy W. Bancroft	Henry Heywood	Henry Rogers
Heman M. Burr	Samuel Hathaway	George T. Rice
Wm. Chamberlain	Nathan Heard	Levi Smith
Thos. Chamberlain	Asa Hamilton	Leonard W. Stowell
Otis Corbett	Jons. Harrington	Daniel Stone
Lewis Chapin	Simeon Hastings	George A. Trumbull
Moses N. Child	Levi Howe	Wm Trowbridge Jr.
Anthony Chase	Benjs. Howard	Daniel Tatman
Thos. B. Eaton	Uriel Johnson	Francis Thaxter
Wm. Eaton Jr.	John Jones	Samuel Taylor
John Flagg	John P. Kettell	Israel Whitney

[1] ARTICLE 4:—"To see if the Town will raise money to purchase a four wheel Carriage to be placed under the superintendence of one of the Engine Companies for the transportation of their fire-hooks saws and other apparatus and also for the erection of a Building for the safe keeping of the same."

[2] ARTICLE 5:—"To see if the Town will raise money for the erection of a School House near Whites Mill (so called)."

[3] ARTICLE 6:—"To see what sum the Town will raise to pay on Installment on the principal of the debt, borrowed on the security of the Town for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall."

Ichabod Washburn	John W. Lincoln	Luther White
Benj[a]. Reed	Jabez Brigham	Jon[a]. Wentworth
Ebenezer Mower	Samuel Stowell	Benj[a]. Flagg
	Sam[l]. Harrington J[r].	Martin Wilder

Voted to accept the List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen.

8th Voted to dismiss this article.[1]

9 Voted. That a Barn be built upon the poor house establishment.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to report at this meeting forthwith an estimate of the expence of erecting such barn—Chose Elisha Foster, Samuel Graves and Sam[l]. Hathaway, Committee.

The Committee retired, and in a few minutes reported an estimate of Six Hundred Dollars. Whereupon Voted to raise the sum of Six hundred dollars to defray the expences of building such Barn and that the same be assessed upon the polls and estates of said town.

Chose John Flagg, Lewis Barnard, Walter Bigelow, Committee.

10 Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to draw on the Town-Treasurer for a sum not exceeding Forty-four dollars to defray the expence of publishing the Address of John Davis Esq. delivered at the dedication of the Town Hall and that the Selectmen be directed to distribute one copy thereof to every voter and head of a family in town.

11 Voted That the Harmonic Society be permitted to occupy the agricultural room in the town hall for their meetings, under such regulations and restrictions as the Selectmen may think proper to impose, until the further order of the town.

12 Voted That the Selectmen be authorized & directed to collect the money due on Town-Bonds in such manner as they may think proper, and in such time as to meet the payments of money borrowed by the town as they may fall due.

13 Voted To postpone the consideration of this article[2] until the adjournment.

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[1] Article 8:—"To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen (with or without restriction) to grant to individuals applying; the privilege of using the Town Hall."

[2] ARTICLE 13:—"To see if the Town will accept of a Town-way or Road laid out by the Selectmen, two Rods wide, beginning at the Northeast corner of Jonas Johnson's House in Tatnick and running in a southeasterly direction until it strikes the great County-Road at New Worcester a few rods east of the House owned by David Andrews," etc.

14 The Committee appointed to Lease parts of the town-hall reported as follows

The Committee of the town of Worcester appointed to lease such parts of the Town Hall as would not interfere with the public uses of the Town, ask leave to report, that they have executed a lease to Capt. Luther Burnet J^{r}. of the east half of the basement story for the term of three years from the thirty first day of March last for the annual rent of eighty-five Dollars—the said Burnet to be allowed at the expiration of that time to take off the Shutters which he has put on provided the town should refuse to take them at an appraisal to be at the option of the town either to take them as aforesaid or permit their removal.

They have also leased to a Committee of the Masons until the first of April next the south Hall in the second story and the room in the gable end of the building to be used only for masonic purposes and also the use of the small room in the west end of the second story in said building whenever there should be a meeting of the Lodge or Chapter for masonic purposes, at an annual rent of Ninety Dollars provided the town do not find a Stove and funnel for the Hall or the yearly sum of One Hundred Dollars if the Town furnish a Stove and funnel—Your Committee would respectfully suggest as their opinion that it is much for the interest of the town to cause the Stove and funnel to be furnished and thereby secure the higer rent—

The Committee of the Masons not being authorized to hire for a longer term have taken the lease with the expectation that the town will allow them to occupy for a longer time on the same terms, should they wish to renew the contract.

The rent of that part leased to the masons commences on the first day of May last—

Your Committee have also leased to Messrs. Rice & Miller from this day until the first day of April next the West-Room in the basement story at the rate of Sixty-five Dollars per annum The said Rice & Miller to have the priviledge of putting an inner door to the entrance of said room, the expense to be deducted from said rent when due.

All which is respectfully submitted by

Wm. Chamberlain
John W. Lincoln

Worcester August 1st 1825

Whereupon Voted To accept the foregoing report and to discharge said Committee from any further consideration of the subject

committed to them and to vest the same powers, which were vested in said Committee in the Selectmen and to authorize and direct the Selectmen to receive from said Committee all papers in their hands pertaining to or growing out of the duties of their appointment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the fifth day of September next at four O'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place.

Atts Rejoice Newton Town Clerk pro tem.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester held at the Town Hall on Monday the 5th of Sept. AD. 1825 the following votes were passed viz.

Art 1st Chose Otis Corbett Esq. Moderator.

2 " Otis Corbett, Lewis Barnard, John Flagg Committee to examine and allow the accounts that may be exhibited against the town and to report their doings at the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in October next at two of the clock P. M.

Adjourned Accordingly.

Attest Benja. Chapin Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town Hall on the 5th of Sept. 1825 by the adjournment from the 1st of August last the following votes were passed viz.

Art. 5. Voted that the Committee on that, have further time to make up their report.[1]

Art. 2. To be recommitted to the same Committee.[2]

Art. 13. Voted to adjourn the same until the adjournment of this meeting.[3]

On motion made and seconded it was voted to adjourn this meeting until the first Monday in October next, to this place, at two of the Clock P. M. Adjourned Accordingly.

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin Town Clerk

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[1] See note 2, page 219. [2] See note, page 218. [3] See note 2, page 220.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester held at the Town Hall on Monday the 3^{d} of Oct. 1825 by adjournment from the 5th of Sept. last the following vote was passed viz.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on accounts, which follows.

The Subscribers a Committee chosen at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, holden on the 5th day of Sep^{t} 1825 to examine the accounts against said town and report thereon at the adjourned meeting have attended that duty and beg leave to submit the following report.

They recommend to the town the payment of the following Accounts as carried out.

	$	Cts
Joseph Swetts acc^{t}. for making 3 warrent Boxes	6	75
Daniel Heywood & Co. Acc^{t} for Grass seed Cloth and W. I. Goods $35,66 the town is C^{r}. by 91½ lbs Lard ballance due said Company	27	51
George Perrin's Acc^{t} for Grass seed & Nails	7	08
The Acc^{t} of John Gleason J^{r}. John W. Lincoln and Alpheus Merrifield for making Taxes and Stationary	102	40
Simeon Gleason's Acc^{t}. W. I. Goods N. E. Rum scythes &c furnished the Poor-house Establishment $26,29 C^{r}. By 16 lbs Pork $200 as ballance	24	29
T. & J. Sutton's Acc^{t} for repairing Engine & Cart	15	50
William Chamberlain's Acc^{t} for goods furnished a Pauper belonging to the town of Lancaster, for goods for the Poor-house Establishment and for cleaning the South Hall in the Town House	8	92
Polly Grays Acc^{t}. for Weaving	2	68
D^{r}. Benj^{a}. Chapin's Acc^{t}. for Medicine and attendance on the sick at the Poor-house for Med. & attendance on Eunice Davis a Pauper of the town of Lancaster, for Medicine & attendance on Sarah Fortune and for recording Births & Deaths $38,12 the charge of $4, for Medicine and attendance on Sarah Fortune Your Committee have thought proper to strike out	34	12
Lucretias Stearns acc^{t}. for Nursing John Stearns in		

1823 $16, your Committee have deducted $6 from this acc^{t}. thinking it high charged	10 00
William A. Wheeler Ac^{t}. for Fire hooks & Grapples $23,65 for which he charged 20 Cts per lb. they found an error in the cast of about $1,00 and they that 18 Cts per lb. would be a fair price they therefore carry this out	20 52
Rogers & Griffins acc^{t}. for Printing 300 Blanks for assessors & for advertising Assessors notice	6 70
Thomas B. Eaton's acc^{t}. for Coffins for Mrs. Poll and Ira Dyer & for digging Graves for the same	10 00
Arthur Adlington acc^{t} for 180 lbs of Musket Balls and 7 camp Kettles	28 07
	$304 54

All of which is respectfully submitted

Oct. 3^{d} 1825 } Otis Corbett, John Flagg, Lewis Barnard } by request

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town-Hall on Monday the third day of Oct. 1825 by adjournment from the first of August last, the following votes were passed viz.

Art. 13 Voted to dismiss that article.[1]

Art 2^{d} Voted to accept the report of the Committee but in part which part is as follows and was accepted.

Voted to procure 2 ballot Boxes. For the room for the accommodation of the Town Officers, it will be necessary to procure a case for the safe keeping of the books now belonging to the and for those which each year will be added thereto, to be made 10 3-4 feet high—7 feet wide and 1 7-12 feet deep divided into 4 parts with doors; each with a lock and a brass-knob. 1 fall writing desk 2 3-4 by 2 feet with a top of 7 inches—also one fall writing desk 5 by 2 feet with a top of 7 inches—one pine table 6 feet long with a fall leaf on each side—the top of the table

[1] Having reference to the road laid out from Jonas Johnson's house.

3 feet wide and each leaf one foot wide—2 large wedgewood Ink stands—1 dozen strong chairs 1 Stove and funnel and 1 Shovel and tongs.

Your Committee would respectfully suggest for the consideration of the town the expediency of appropriating so much of the rents of the Town Hall as may be necessary to furnish it with the furniture that is indispensable to the convenient use of it.

All which is submitted by

John W. Lincoln
Walter Bigelow } Committee
John Miller

Voted to choose a Committee of three to procure the above furniture.

Chose Enoch Flagg, Jonathan Harrington, Fred. W^m^. Paine, Committee.

5 Art.[1] Voted to dismiss the same.

A True Entry Attest Benj^a^. Chapin Town Clerk.

We the subscribers for the Selectmen of Worcester and the Selectmen of Paxton have this seventeenth day of October AD. 1825 met agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Worcester being the most ancient Town for the purpose of perambulating and running the lines and renewing the marks between our said Towns & having attended that service, make return as follows viz.

Begining at a heap of stones near an oak tree on Leicester line which is a corner of land of Oliver Wilson of Paxton & G. S. Newton of Worcester thence as the fence stand crossing the County road to heap of stones at the Southwest corner of Holden between land of Col. John Davis of Paxton and Joseph & Jacob Howard of Holden.

Thomas Chamberlain } For the Selectmen
Dated at } Thomas Nichols J^r^. } of Worcester.
Worcester } Jon^a^. P. Grosvenor } Selectmen
Oc^t^. 17th 1825 } Saml. Harrington } of Paxton.

The subscribers, Commissioners on the parts of the towns of Worcester & Holden met this 17th day of October AD 1825 at the Southwest corner of Holden at a heap of stones, being the corner boundary between lands of John Davis of Paxton and

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ARTICLE 5:—With reference to a schoolhouse near White's Mill.

Joseph & Jacob Howard of Holden, thence proceeded northeastwardly to stake & stones by the east side of the road, south of Jonathan Moores barn, thence to a hemlock stump, thence to a chestnut stump in said Moores land, thence to a black birch stump, thence to an elm tree in Noyes pasture (so called) thence to a white-oak stump with stones, between lands of Theophilus Wheeler and Ethan Davis, thence to stake & stones where was formerly a white oak tree—thence to a large rock with stones upon it, being the corner of lands owned by P. Shepard & W. Goulding on the West and S. T. & B. Read on the East, thence to a heap of stones on a pitch pine root, thence to a large white-oak tree—between lands of Daniel Smith & Jos. Daniels, thence to a large chestnut-tree northeasterly of Alpheus Merryfield's house—thence to an appletree in Artemas Bartletts land, being the Southeast corner of Holden—all of which boundaries & monuments we have renewed.

Oct. 17, 1825.

Silas Flagg, Sam[l]. Foster } Selectmen of Holden
Thos. Chamberlain, Thos. Nichols J[r] } on the part of Worcester

The undersigned, Commissioners, duly authorized to perambulate the line between the towns of Worcester and Leicester met this 18th day of October AD. 1825 at the Northwesterly corner of Worcester at a heap of stones near to an oak tree which is also a corner of the town of Paxton and thence proceeded southerly to stake & stones in Joshua Sylvester's land—thence to stake & stones in Nathan Green's land—thence to a chestnut tree near the road easterly of Abel Green's house—thence to stake & stones by an oak-stump in John Sargeants land—thence to a heap of stones in the old post road near to a pine tree—thence to a birch tree between Sargeant & Adams—thence to an oak tree between s'd Sargeant & Adams—thence to a Chestnut tree & stones on Lampray hill, so called, thence to a heap of stones at the Southwesterly corner of Worcester and Southeasterly corner of Leicester—being also a bound on the Northerly side of Ward and we have renewed said bounds and monuments.

Oct 18th 1825

Isaac Southgate, Jos. D. Sargeant } In behalf of the town of Leicester.
Daniel Stone, Thos. Chamberlain } In behalf of the town of Worcester

Note The general course of the aforementioned line is almost South 14° East

The subscribers Commissioners in behalf of the Towns of Worcester and Ward met this 18th day of October 1825 for the purpose of perambulating the line between said towns at a heap of stones in Wm. Young's land, which is the Southwesterly corner of Worcester and also the Southeasterly corner of Leicester—thence took an easterly course to stake and stones in John Clark's land—thence to stake & stones in Jona. Flagg's land—thence to stake & stones formerly an appletree, in s'd Clark's land—thence to stake & stones in said Clark's land near the road leading from Worcester to Oxford—thence to stake & stones in the road a few rods southerly of Jairus Elder's house thence to stake & stones by the side of the road in land belonging to Heirs of John A. Lazell—thence to stake and stones in the road westerly of Timothy Taft's house thence to a white oak and stones being the southerly corner of Worcester and also a corner of Millbury, and we have renewed said bounds & monuments.

	Thos. Baird, Thos. Meriam	In behalf of the town of Ward
October 18th 1825	Daniel Stone, Thos. Chamberlain	In behalf of the town of Worcester

The undersigned, Commissioners, duly authorized to perambulate the line between the towns of Worcester and Millbury met this 19th day of October 1825 at a white oak tree with stones about it which is a corner of said towns on the easterly boundary of Ward, & thence proceeded easterly to a stake & stones on the easterly side of the road from Worcester to Millbury—thence to stake & stones on the east side of the River a little Southerly of an elm tree on Moses Parks' land—thence to a long stone standing in said Parks' wall—thence to a heap of stones in Josiah Woodard's pasture—thence to a stake & stones in said Woodard's land, formerly called Appleton's corner, thence to stake & stones on a large rock in Jos. Howard's land formerly Fay's corner, thence to stake & stones westerly of Cranberry Pond, between lands of Hartwell Haywood & Luke Randall—thence to stake & stones on an old stump easterly of Cranberry medow in land of Levi Bigelow, thence to stake & stones in Wesson's wall on the easterly side, being the southeasterly corner of said Worcester—and we have renewed said bounds and monuments

October 19th 1825	Aaron Pierce, Elisha Jacobs	In behalf of the town of Millbury
	Daniel Stone, Thos. Chamberlain	In behalf of the town of Worcester

The undersigned in behalf of the Towns of Worcester and West-Boylston have this day perambulated the lines between said towns and renewed the monuments which are as follows to wit beginning at an apple tree in Artemas Bartletts land being the South east corner of Holden—thence to a White Oak tree between lands of George Moore and Barnabas Davis claimed as a bound by West Boylston and is on or near the line—thence to a White Oak tree between the lands of Paul Goodell and the Rev. William Nash—thence to a stake & stones on the west side of West-Boylston Road opposite land of Paul Goodell J^{r}.—thence to a stake and stones formerly "Lieut Pierce's N. E. Corner" on the South side of a Cart path opposite a gateway leading to the house of Paul Goodell J^{r}. about fifteen rods from said gate—thence to a heap of stones in Cyrus Lovell's Orchard—thence to a stake & stones at the northwest corner of Shrewsbury and Northeast corner of Worcester.

Worcester Nov. 30th 1825

Barnabas Davis, Thos. Keyes } In behalf of the town of West Boylston

John W. Lincoln, Thos. Chamberlain } In behalf of the town of Worcester.

The subscribers, duly authorized commissioners in behalf of the towns of Worcester and Shrewsbury to perambulate the line between said towns, met this 20th day of October 1825 at the northerly end of s'd line at a stake and stones between lands of the late Jonathan Lovell and Nathl. Heywood, and proceeded thence to a stake and stones near the northerly end of long-Pond on the margin of said pond between lands of the Town of Worcester and George Slocomb—thence to a double chestnut stump with stones about it on the bank of said pond between lands of W^{m}. Eaton & Saml Harrington J^{r}. thence to stones and stake marked on a knoll near the Southerly end of said pond and about eighteen rods northerly of an old Mill-dam: and we have renewed said bounds and monuments.

Oct. 20th 1825

Thos. Chamberlain, Thos. Nichols J^{r}. } For the town of Worcester

Balek Dean, John Mason J^{r} } For the town of Shrewsbury

The preceeding returns of the Commissioners appointed to perambulate the lines, are true copies from the originals and on file; and recorded by me.

Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk of Worcester

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in town-affairs, held at the Town-Hall on Monday the 6th of March 1826 the following persons were chosen into office as annexed to their names and the following votes were passed at said meeting.

Meeting was opened by the Town Clerk.

Otis Corbett was chosen Moderator.

*Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

Voted to choose five Selectmen and that they be Overseers of the Poor.

*Otis Corbett, *John Gleason Jr., *John W. Lincoln, *William Eaton, *Daniel Stone, Selectmen.

*John Gleason Jr., *John W. Lincoln, *Alpheus Merrifield, Assessors.

A Committee was chosen consisting of eleven persons to report a list of High-Way Surveyors and the most eligible mode of appropriating the money for the repair of Roads.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour to meet at this place.

Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

Met agreeable to the adjournment.

Chose James Wilson, Town Treasurer.

Samuel Allen Esq. had eighty-two votes for County-Treasurer.

Chose John Gleason Jr., John W. Lincoln, Alpheus Merrifield, Committee of Estimates.

Pliny Merrick, Esq., Town Agent.

John W. Lincoln, Rejoice Newton, Lewis Bigelow, John Miller, Nathan Heard, George T. Rice, Saml. Harrington Jr., Pliny Merrick, Daniel Heywood, Fire-Wards.

Each have accepted the office of Fire-Ward March 6th, 1826 as per Certificate on file.

John M. Earle, Gardner Paine, Clerks of the Market.

John W. Lincoln, Ephraim Mower, Thos. Chamberlain, Committee to settle with the Town Treasur.

Anthony Chase, Sealer of Leather.

Paul Shepard, Culler of Hoops & Staves.

Lewis Bigelow, Saml. Harrington Jr. Surveyors of Lumber.

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*Sworn.

William Harrington, *Samuel Allen, Jr., *Leonard W. Stowell, Henry Wheeler, Clarendon Harris, Surveyors of Wood & Bark.

Willard Moore, *Thos. Chamberlain, Daniel Stone, *Ebenezer Gates, Jeremiah Harrington, *John Barnard, 2d, Fence-Viewers.

*Thomas Nichols, Jr., *Jubal Wheelock, Lewis Cutting, Rufus Barrows, John Flagg, *Elijah Flagg, Asa Gates, Field-Drivers and Hog-Reeves.

This Committee propose unanimously to the Town. That instead of the usual tax for the repair of the Highways of the Town the ensuing year, to be paid by labor the sum voted for that purpose shall be paid in money; and that the money so raised shall be divided among the several surveyor's districts in the same manner that the labor tax has heretofore been divided. And that the several Surveyors shall be authorized to employ any person in his district to labor & give him credit therefor towards his tax, but shall be under no obligation to do so.

The above report was read and accepted and the following persons were chosen Surveyors of Highways viz. 1826

Nathan Heard, Lewis Cutting, in his stead *Uriel Johnson, Israel Whitney, *Nath[l]. Gates, James Harrington, *George Moore. John Gleason, Jr., Wm Trowbridge, Jr., *Jeremiah Harrington, *Silas Brooks, *Jonas Johnson, *Ebenezer Mower, *Sam[l]. T. Read. *Reuben Munroe, *Nathan Perry, *Thos. Chamberlain, *Benj[a]. Flagg, *Nath[l]. Elder, *Lewis Barnard, High-Way Surveyors & Collectors.

4 article in the warrant was postponed to the adjournment of this meeting.[1] 5th[2] & 9th[3] Do.

7 article. Voted to restrain the Cattle in that art. from going at large the current year.

Voted not to choose a Collector of Taxes & Constables until the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May next at 3 o'clock P. M. to meet at this place. Adjourned accordingly.

Attest. Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote for Governor Lieut. Governor, Senators &

[1] ARTICLE 4:—To raise money for town charges. *Sworn.

[2] ARTICLE 5:—To agree upon the method of keeping the schools, etc.

[3] ARTICLE 9:—To hear the reports of former committees.

Counsellors, convened at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 3[d] of April 1826, gave their votes for the following persons viz.

His Excellency Levi Lincoln	201	For Governor
Hon. Samuel Hubbard	21	
" James Lloyd	40	
" Marcus Morton	5	
E. H. Mills	1	
Mr. Otis Wheeler	1	
Thomas L. Winthrop	162	For Lieutenant Governor
Samuel Hoar J[r].	65	
Samuel Hubbard	2	
Samuel Hoar	37	
Marcus Morton	2	

William Eaton Esq.	183	Bezaleel Taft	27
Joseph G. Kendall	238	Austin Denny	2
Nathaniel Houghton	207	John W. Lincoln	4
Joseph Davis	111	Josiah Howe	1
Daniel Thurber	108	Jonathan Wheeler	2
Silas Holman	41	Samuel Mixter	5
Aaron Tufts	65	Rejoice Newton	2
Nath[l]. P. Denny	75	Ivers Jewett	1
Bezaleel Taft J[r].	134	Ezek Pitts	1
William Crawford	11	Warren Rawson	1
William Crawford J[r]	80	Jonathan Houghton	1
John Brown	4	Silas Holmes	1
Jonas Sibley	26		

For Senators & Counsellors.

A True Entry Attest Benj[a] Chapin, Town Clerk.

Opened a new town meeting on the 3[d] of April 1826.

Art. 3[d]. Voted to choose a School-Committee consisting of five to examine and superintend the public schools, in town during the year pursuant to a law passed on the 4th of March last.

Chose Samuel M. Burnside, Esq., Aaron Bancroft, D. D., Rev. Jonathan Going, Rev. L. I. Hoadly, Otis Corbett, Esq., School Committee.

Voted to choose one Committee-man in each School District save the centre to superintend the prudential concerns of the district.

Chose for said Committee the following persons, viz.

Levi Gates, W^m^. Trowbridge, J^r^., Israel Whitney, Jeremiah Harrington, Ebenezer Read, Lewis Barnard, Alpheus Merrifield & Luther Johnson.

4 Art. Voted to choose a Committee of five to report on that article[1] at the adjournment of this meeting, and chose Thomas Chamberlain, Benj^a^. Butman, Jonathan Harrington, John Flagg & Lewis Chapin for said Committee.

2^d^ Article. Votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester were calld for by the moderator brought in & counted and were for Artemas Ward, Esq.,

One hundred and forty four — 144.

5th Art. Voted to choose a Committee of five to report the expediency or inexpediency of celebrating the approaching 4th of July, 1826, at the expence of the town, & chose Saml. M. Burnside, Nathan Heard, Thos. Chamberlain, Ephraim Mower & Isaac Davis.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May next at 4 of the clock P. M. Adjourn'd accordingly.

A True Entry Attest Benj^a^ Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester on the first day of May 1826 by adjournment from the 3^d^ of April last the following votes were passed, viz.

4th Art. Voted to accept the report of the Committee in relation to the Town's land being flowed by raising long Pond four and an half feet which is as follows.

The Committee appointed by the town at their meeting April 3^d^, 1826, under an article in the warrant for s'd meeting "to see if the town will release to the Blackstone canal corporation any lands belonging to the Town which may be flowed by raising Long Pond four and a half feet" have given the subject a very deliberate consideration, and ask leave to submit the following Report

The lands which will be flowed by raising Long Pond four and a half feet, consist of about eight acres of low wet meadow ground

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ARTICLE 4:—"To see if the town will release to the Blackstone Canal Company free of expense the use of so much of the land belonging to the town as will be affected by raising the water in Long Pond to the height of four & a half feet & release also the right which said town hold in said Pond to be used by said Company as a reservoir to supply the s'd Canal with water."

upon which, when not flowed, may be cut, annually, about four tons of hay; three eigths of which is of a quality called good stock hay, and may be carted with convenience; and five eights of which is of the most ordinary kind, which must be carried to the cart on poles, over a very wet bottom. The hay from this meadow, when put in the barn, is unquestionably of important use to the town farm, and the loss of it may be considered an evil; But when the vast importance of a water communication with the seaboard, and the consequent advantage which would result to the Town of Worcester, is considered, the loss of this meadow is hardly to be taken into the account; and with this impression your committee unhesitatingly recommend to the Town, to release to the Blackstone canal corporation, and to that corporation alone, any lands belonging to the Town which may be flowed by raising long Pond four and a half feet, to commence so soon as it shall be necessary to raise said pond as a reservoir for the use of the Canal, and continue while it shall be used for that purpose.

Thos. Chamberlain,
John Flagg,
Benj^{a}. Butman,
Jon^{a}. Harrington.

5th art. Voted to accept the following report

The Committee to whom was refered the consideration of the expediency of celebrating the approaching fourth of July, at the expense of the town, have attended to the duty assigned them, and ask leave to submit the following report;

The next anniversary of American Independence will derive peculiar importance from the consideration, that it will furnish the experience of fifty years in support of the stability & excellency of our political institutions and the capacity of our fellow citizens for the duties of self government. The successful operation of free Institutions for half a century has silenced the sneers of the enemies of civil liberty, & quieted the apprehensions of the friends of our Country through the civilized world. In support of that sanguinary struggle for liberty, which terminated in the emancipation of our country, the Inhabitants of Worcester made honorable and patriotic exertions. The records of the town, during the war of the Revolution, bear ample testimony to their devoted feelings and immense contributions compared with their substance to the common cause of their country.

In the full enjoyment of the fruits of their labors, their sacrifices and sufferings, we have abundant cause as a corporation, for

public demonstrations of joy and of gratitude. Your Committee are unanimously of opinion, that it is expedient, that the next anniversary of our Country's birth should be celebrated by the town in its municipal character, and in a manner purely national. If in the course of our political history, causes of mutual distrust & irritation have existed, they should now be forgotten in the general joy, that former parties have united for public good. No allusions to past differences should disturb the harmony of the occasion. No feelings reflecting on past collisions should mingle with the festivities of that day. To insure that union of feeling so necessary to the enjoyments of this anniversary, Your Committee recommend that the whole direction of the proposed celebration should be entrusted to a committee of arrangements, consisting of twelve persons; that said committee should appoint some suitable person to deliver an oration, suited to the occation; and provide also for such other public exercises and exhibitions as they should judge proper; that a public dinner should be provided in the town hall for such inhabitants of the town as may choose to partake of it, and shall be seasonably provided with tickets for that purpose; that all necessary expenses of that day shall be paid out of the Treasury of the town, provided however, that the town shall not be chargable for any refreshments except for the military escort, and such inhabitants as the Committee of arrangements and the Selectmen shall think proper to invite specially to the public dinner—and that said Committee may best represent the sentiments & feelings of the whole it is further recommended, that they be nominated to the town by a committee of nine first appointed for that purpose by the moderator of this meeting.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Sam[l]. M. Burnside.

Worcester, May 1st, 1826.

Chose Sam[l]. M. Burnside, Otis Corbett, J. W. Lincoln, Nathan Heard, Daniel Stone, Thos. Chamberlain, Francis Thaxter, Silas Brooks, Lewis Barnard, Jon[a]. Harrington, John Flagg, & Gardner Burbank committee of arrangements and that they be authorised to draw an order on the Treasurer of the town to defray the expenses of said celebration.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, held at the town Hall on Monday the first day of May AD 1826,

qualified to Vote for Representatives to the General Court to be holden at Boston on the last Wednesday of the present month.

1st Voted to send three Representatives.

Chose Otis Corbett, John W. Lincoln, Saml. M. Burnside, Representatives.

Voted to dissolve this meeting and opened a new meeting and chose Otis Corbett for Moderator.

Voted that the Committee who were authorized to build a Barn at the Poor-House-establishment be further authorized to remove the old Barn and repair the same.

Voted to raise the sum of One hundred & fifty Dollars to defray the expense of removing and repairing the barn.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry • Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, held at the Town Hall on Monday the 1st of May 1826 by adjournment from the 6th of March last, the following votes were passed viz.

Voted to raise Twenty-five Hundred Dollars; for defraying the expense of the Public Schools in Town the current year and that the money be expended in the same manner as last year.

The Committee of the Town of Worcester who were directed to examine and cause a plan to be made of the several Roads in the town of Worcester, have discharged the duty assigned them and respectfully ask leave to submit the following report which is accompanied by a plan of the town, the field Book of the Surveyor & the Road-Book of the Committee to which they refer for many of the particular statements respecting the discharge of their trust, your committee deemed it of the highest importance that the services of a skilful Surveyor in whom the public reposed a confidence should be employed to perform this important work. Mr. Butler who was very highly recommended, was engaged and his plan which is now presented furnishes evidence with how much reson, the Committee have been justified in the selection.

They commenced their work with the survey of the road leading to Hardwick—this road was laid by order of the County 3 rods wide but in many places falls short of its proper width from one to twenty links. Your Commitee would observe not only as respects this, but almost every road in the town, that they

have been satisfied from the admeasurements they have taken that many of the inhabitants, owners of land adjoining the public roads have entertained a belief that one half the width of each fence might be placed on the land laid out for the use of the public—your Committee believe this impression is altogether erroneous, the public have a right to the use of the whole width of road as ordered to be laid out free from all obstruction.

The Cross road from Hardwick to the Paxton road in several places falls short of its proper width from two to eight links.

The old Paxton Road by M^{r}. Ebenezer Mower's house was laid four Rods wide but falls short of that width from ten to thirty links.

Road from foot of Tatnick Hill to Holden falls short of its proper width the greater [part] of its length from four to twelve & a half links less than two Rods.

Road by Asa Gates Mill to Leicester line is generally narrow of its proper width of two rods—at the mill only seventeen links wide & extremely dangerous it should be railed for the safety of the traveller.

Road to Amos Howards is with one exception of a short distance two rods wide.

Road to Jonas Johnsons was laid two Rods wide but falls short of that width—part of it is eighteen links more narrow than it should be.

Road to John Ranks should be two Rods wide but is of less width at the south end and also at a Virginia fence on land of M^{r}. Thos. Johnsons it is for the greater part of the distance of sufficient width.

Cross road from Tatnick Road to Willard Moores laid two rods wide as far as Francis Flaggs house beyond that no record found; through land of Robert and Charles Blair three links too narrow; from M^{r}. Flaggs house north it falls short of two Rods from eight to fifteen links.

Joseph Patches Road two rods wide, but near his house, & east of it too narrow, in one place seventeen links less than its proper width—from Beaver Brook to Leicester Road the width between fences varies from 3½ to 4 Rods Hepsy Hemenways Garden fence projects 17 links into the road.

Road from New Worcester over Raccoon Plain to Ward varies from 1½ to 2 Rods wide—should be 2 rods the whole distance.

Road to Leicester laid as a 4 Rod road varies in width from 83 links to 4 rods—the wall in front of Messrs. Hoveys & Butman new houses 1 Rod in road.

New County road from Jones to Leicester line is fenced to narrow east of M[r]. Adam's barn—M[r]. Jones Barn the north west corner projects into the road.

Road from Stafford turnpike to Oxford Road falls short in its width of two Rods from 6 to 10 links in several places.

Road from Oxford by Deacon Trowbridges House varies from 10 to 36 links short of its proper width of 3 Rods.

Road from Miss Waters house to Ward Road east of Bridge near Flaggs Mill, is too narrow by from 6 to 9 links.

Road from Millbury Road to Ward line by Nathan Whites house is too narrow falling short of its proper width of three Rods as laid out from 8 to 39 links.

Road over Bogachoag Hill south of Henry Patches place 47 links wide—the residue over 2 Rods.

Road to Ephraim Curtis' House is 2 Rods wide.

Road from Ward by Timothy Tafts house is from 1 to 6 links too narrow S. W. of said House.

Road from Millbury road to Grafton Road, by Doc[t]. Heywoods farm measures in width 35 to 72 links wide.

Road from Millbury which should be 3 Rods wide is generally too narrow, it varies from 55 to 72 links wide.

Sheep Lane is 1½ rods wide.

Road by Nathaniel Stowells to Millbury line varies from 39 to 48 links in width.

Road to Grafton is generally too narrow part of it is 28 links —3 rod road.

Road by Daniel Stearns old house measures from 45 to 48 links wide.

Road to Grafton Gore—Benj[a]. Newtons house 6 links in road.

Old County road back of Clark Willingtons measures from 36 to 40 links. Cross road down Hill 47 links wide.

Road by Aaron Flaggs house part of it falls short of 2 rods by 4 links.

Road by William Eaton Jun[r]. falls short from 5 to 13 [links] of 2 rods.

Pine meadow Road falls short of its proper width of 3 Rods from 1 to 28 links.

Cross road by Russell Eatons house measures from 31 to 43 links instead of 2 rods.

Back Street laid 3 Rods wide—too narrow at the north half of it.

School Street laid 2 rods is too narrow from bridge to back Street.

Thomas Street remains as wide as laid out.

Road from School House by Rufus Porters house to Shrewsbury road laid out as a 3 rod road measures from 2 to 3 rods.

Old Road to Shrewsbury laid as a 4 Rod road falls short in width in different places from 2 to 45 links.

Road to William E. Greens house falls short in width from 4 to 19 links.

Road from Chamberlains tavern to West Boylston line from 31 to 48 links wide instead of 2 rods.

Road from Benjamins Thayres to Col. Moores Road generally 2 Rods wide, part of it falls short 9 links of that measure.

Road from Guide post near Maynards Shop passing Col. Moores house measures from 51 to 71 links wide.

Road from West Boylston line over Burncoat Plain measures from 47 to 71 links laid out for a 3 Rod Road.

Road from School House passing Doct Paines Mill to West Boylston west road measures in width from 50 to 68 links, the road has recently been made 10 links more narrow than it has formerly been.

Road from John H. Knights to Holden Turnpike a 2 Rod road measures from 30 to 48 links in width.

Road from Holden Turnpike to West Boylston road, a road 2 rods wide as laid but measures from 28 to 41 links.

Road from Benj^{a}. Thayres by Brooks, Barbers, Stowells & Gleasons houses to Holden road laid 2 rods wide varies from 45 links to 2 rods.

Road across from Barber road by Jon^{a}. Gleasons Jun. farm to Holden road falls short of its proper width from 3 to 20 links.

Road across from near D. Chadwicks to near Saml. Mills from 2 to 10 links too narrow.

Jo Bill road too narrow from Holden Road to top of Hill—the remainder wide.

Road from S. Salisbury's House to Holden line laid out as a 3 Rod road, but varies in its width as fenced from 2 to 3 Rods.

Road over Winter Hill a two rod road but measures from 1 to 2 rods.

Road from Holden line by Thomas Nichols house to the other Holden road at Theophilus Wheelers new farm house measures from 49 to 75 links—should be 3 Rods as laid out.

Boylston Road from Town's farm to Shrewsbury line does not measure 2 Rods in width.

Main Street was laid out by the Proprietors of the town as a 6 Rod road by what authority it has been reduced for a considerable part of its length to its present width, as between buildings, your committee are ignorant they can find no permission on record, this Street has been rendered more strait on the east side in its course from the house of Captain Slater to the house belonging to Edward D. Banks [Bangs] Esq. by the former proprietors of the land adjoining the street having thrown out a strip of land for the use of the public front of the present buildings; it has also been made more strait on the west side by the buildings belonging to Samuel Brazer Esq. and to M^r. Elisha Flagg having been brought forward into the road how far this incroachment on the public rights has extended to the north and south of these buildings your Committee are not particularly informed—the fence in front of the buildings belonging to his Excellency Levi Lincoln and the Hon. Joseph Allen projects into the street. Many of the buildings in the town are placed on the line of the road the door steps are necessarily projected into the street and in a few instances of this kind front fences have also been placed into the road.

Your Committee may not have collected all the information which may have been expected from them previous to the commencement of their [work?] they solicited by a notice put up at each of the public meeting houses in the town that any person having any knowledge in relation to their duties would impart it to them, but the greater part of the facts reported, have been obtained from the examination of the records of the town and the County. The line of the town on the east side is laid down on the plan without any certain knowledge that it is correct—application was made at the office of the Secretary of this Commonwealth for a copy of the original grant to the proprietors of Quansicamond Plantation which has not been receiv'd—the town of Shrewsbury claim to be bounded on this town by the West bank of Quansicamond Pond—but this claim cannot be allowed as appears by the Records of the original Proprietors of this town that on the 16th of March 1721 a small island in the Pond called Rams Island was granted to Moses Leonards[1] This grant was made before the incorporation of the town of Shrewsbury and it goes far to disprove the claim now made by that town. The actual line between this town and Ward is very crooked and the towns much interlocked, an alteration in that is very desirable.

[1] See *Records of the Proprietors*, Collections of The Worcester Society of Antiquity, Vol. III., page 163.

Your Committee pray allowance for the sums below being for Cash paid out by them and for their services.

	$	Cts.
To John W. Lincoln		
for Cash paid Dorr & Howland for blank books		62½
" Edward D. Bangs for copy of plan	2	—
" Benj[a]. Flagg for entertainment	4	41
" Sam[l]. Harrington D°.	1	56
" Harmon Chamberlain do	1	50
" John Jones do	1	50
" J. Davis do		25
" Joseph Pratt do	1	50
" Cyrus Stockwell board of C. Butler &c	29	79
" Henry Chamberlain as chain-man	17	—
C. Moore D°.	17	50
Toll at Turnpike		30
Caleb Butler for surveying and making Plan of town	92	—
for his own services 13 Days	26	—
	$ 195	93½
To Thomas Chamberlain		
To Journey & expences to Groton to engage Surveyor	6	—
Horse & waggon & boy at sundry times to carry Committee Surveyor &c	2	—
Cash paid for entertainment for Surveyor Committee & assistants	5	99
18 Days services in surveying roads town lines &c	36	
	49	99
To Samuel M. Burnside		
To Cash paid for searching copying records and postage	12	30
5 Days services in searching Records &c	10	
	22	30
	49	99
	195	93
All which is respectfully submitted by	$ 268	22

John W. Lincoln
Thos Chamberlain
Sam[l]. M. Burnside

The above report was read and accepted and the sum of Two Hundred sixty eight dollars and twenty two cents; voted to be raised to pay said Committee as per their account rendered.

Chose *John Gleason Jr., *Lewis Bigelow, *Luther Burnett Jr., *John F. Clark, Constables.

Chose *John Gleason Jr., Collector of Taxes and it was voted that the Collector receive three Cents on the dollar as commission for his services.

Voted that the Representatives of the town to General Court be instructed to procure a new line bordering on Ward.

The Committee who were directed to estimate what sums of money it would be necessary to raise for the current expences of the town for the current year have attended to the duty assigned them and ask leave to report that in their opinion it will be expedient to raise the following sums.

For paying the Keeper of the poor establishment and defraying necessary expences of that establishment	$ 800, 00
For Buckets for the Engines	60, —
" Carriage & apparatus for hooks &c	50, —
House for Carriage & apparatus for hooks &c	92, —
Debt due S. M. Burnside Esq. and 2 years interest	790, —
Cash paid for military stores	28, —
for painting houses belonging to the town	100, —
Horse for the use of the town on their farm	70, —
Compensation to Collector, Treasurer & assessors also abatement of Taxes	450, —
Contingent expences of the town	260, —
Support of Caroline Stowell at the insane hospital	160, —
for making Index to town records & transcribing Proprietors records	50,
All which is respectfully submitted by	$2910, 00
John Gleason Jr. } Committee of	
John W. Lincoln }	
Alpheus Merrifield } Estimates	

The above report was read and accepted and the sum of $2910, was voted to be raised & assessed on the polls & estates of the Inhabitants of the town.

*Sworn

The Committee chosen by the Town at an adjourned meeting holden on the 2[d] day of May last, to settle with the Committee, previously appointed to superintend the building of the Town Hall, have attended to the duties assigned them, and ask leave to report; The said building Committee charge themselves with the Sum of Nine Thousand and seventeen dollars & ninety cents, monies receiv'd on loans effected pursuant to votes of the town and sums assessed & rais'd by the town and as interest arising on sundry parts of said loans while in their hands. They claim allowance for sundry disbursements in building & finishing said Hall of services relating thereto, amounting to nine thousand and twenty dollars and twenty cents, as by the account Current hereunto annexed will more particularly appear. Your Committee find the said account accurately stated and properly vouched and that there is a ballance due to said building Committee of two dollars and thirty cents. From the papers hereto annexed, it appears, that one of the items charged by said Committee is fifty nine dollars and seventeen cents for certain lumber, which has been taken from the possession of said Committee by M[r]. W[m] Chamberlain as stated in the certificate of J. W. Lincoln Esq. and accompanies this report. The Town will adopt such measures respecting the recovery of said lumber as the[y] shall judge expedient.

Your Committee cannot close their report, without remarking the great liberality of the building Committee in rendering such long continued, faithful and laborious services to the town, as the erection of this splendid edifice has required, without the least pecuniary compensation, and that they have well entitled themselves to the grateful acknowledgements of their fellow townsmen

All which is respectfully submitted

Sam[l]. M. Burnside
Worcester May 1st AD. 1826. John Flagg
Thos. Chamberlain

The undersigned would represent that in May last a lot of lumber—a part of which had been used in the building for staging for the masons to plaster the walls and was then piled up between the building & the trees in front was removed by M[r]. William Chamberlain who has not accounted to the Committee or to the town for the same, This lumber cost the town $59,,17 as charged in Bigelow & Wentworth account which has been paid to them by the Committee

Worcester May 1st, 1826. John W. Lincoln

Committee for building Town Hall in account with J. W. Lincoln Dr.

To Cash paid Lovell Baker as per Bill		$11,,20
Rejoice Newton	do	6, 00
S. Boyden	do	6,,70
		$23, 90
Cr. By Cash receiv'd of Fredk W. Paine their Treasurer		21 60
Ballance due J. W. Lincoln		2 30
		$23, 90

Dr. Committee for Building Town Hall in Worcester in acct. with Fred. W. Paine Cr.

1824				
May 30	To postage of Bonds to Boston			$ 50
June 1	do from do			10
15	Order in fav. Simeon Hastings			60, 00
17	do J. W. Lincoln			17, 50
23	Estimate of Carpenters work			1 25
July 1	Peter Kendal	$750, 0		
13	Order to S. Hastings	60, 0		
22	do Bigelow & Wentworth	500, 0		
Aug. 5	do P. Kendal	100, 0		
12	do do	100, 0		
20	Bigelow & Wentworth	200, 0		
				1710 00
"	rum to men moving rub	$ 0 8		
25	Labor & Grog	6 5		
Sept 9	Order to S. Hastings	50 0		
18	do P. Kendall	200 0		
23	Labor as pr Bill	8 0		
28	Part Bill act. Iron safe	50 0		
Oct 1	P. Kendall	400 0		
2	do	150 0		
4	Bigelow & Wentworth	300 0		
6	Bill for Stone Capital	100 0		
	Peter Kendall	100		
				1364 13
16	do			
23		140 0		
	Roman Cement	9 79		

Nov	3	Ballance due W. A. Wheeler Iron Safe	25.56	
	5	Simeon Hastings	50 0	
	11	P. Kendall	100, 0	
	24	do	150, 0	
Dec	13	Bigelow & Wentworth	1002,50	
		Postage	10	
	9	P. Kendall	120 0	
	17	do	690 0	
	23	Bill for Corn. Stone	81 0	
	31	Labor moving rubbish	3 4	
1825				2371 99
Jan^{y}	14	Bill for Sheet Lead	5 55	
Feb.	3	Peter Kendall	300 00	
	4	Bigelow & Wentworth	601 50	
	17	E Flagg labor as per Bill	3 57	
	25	S. Hastings	50 0	
March	12	Bigelow & W.	500 0	
	14	Postage	10	
				1460 72
	29	Simeon Hastings	55 82	
April	1	Carting Stone Capital	30 0	
	12	Labor to Knight & others	8 46	
	23	P. Kendall ac^{t}.	50 0	
	26	Labor	6 92	
May	2	Joel Putnam for [ ] stone	14 73	
	7	P. Kendall	100 0	
	10	do	750 0	
				1015 93
July	23	Bigelow & W.	150 0	
	25	P. Kendall on act	347 96	
Aug	20	Bigelow and Wentworth	230 0	
	27	Bill for lightning rods	17 80	
Sept	19	Bigelow & Wentworth in full	87 16	
	28	& advertising for proposals	3 00	
	29	L. Smiths Bill for painting	150 76	
				986 68
Dec	12	To Interest on $600 Boston money Paid Bigelow and Wentworth Feb. 4th to May 12 when the money was rec'd from Boston	7 50	7 50
		Ballance to J. W. Lincoln	21 60	21 60
				$9017 90

Cr.

1824			
May 28	By Cash in Boston Money	2000	
	" ¼ per C. premium on $2000	5	
June 1	Amount of J. W. Sturgis and Cos. note due 1st Sept	2000	
	do 1 Dec		
	Both notes at 5½ per Cent Interest		
Sept 21	Cash of Town Treasurer current money	1000	
Oct 27	do & do	800	
Dec 9	¼ Premium on $2000	5	
	Interest on note of J. W. S. & Co for $2000 at 5½ pr. C for 6 months and 9 days	57 60	
1825			
May 12	Interest on note of J. W. S. & Co for $3000 at 5½ as per act. annexed	142 30	
	¼ Premium on $3000 and $199 90	8	
			$9017 90

Received of Fred W. Paine Twenty one Dollars and sixty cents as the ballance due from [him] to the Committee for Building the Town Hall in Worcester John W. Lincoln

Worcester December 12th 1825 E Excepted
Fred. W. Paine.

Of the Note of $3000 from Sturgis & Co and $1990 was paid April 1st 1825 $1000 May 1st Ballance 12th

Voted to accept this report and that the Selectmen be authorized to take such measures to recover the Lumber taken by Mr. Wm. Chamberlain, as they shall judge expedient.

Dr. The Town of Worcester in acct Current with James Wilson Treasurer of said town for the year AD 1825

1825			
May 23	To payment of the following Orders	$	$ Cts
N°. 1	John W. Lincoln Esq	$387,93	
2	Charles Fiske	500,	
3	William A. Wheeler	4,25	
4	William Chamberlain	35,07	
5	William Manning	44,	
6	Benja. Chapin	34,12	

7	Town of Mendon	18,75	
8	Doct George Estabrooks	8,61	
9	Moses Brigham	99,34	
10	Daniel Heywood & Co.	27,51	
			1159 58
11	John Gleason Jr.	102,40	
12	Saml. T. Read	79,51	
13	Calvin Newton	100,	
14	George Perrin	7,08	
15	John Flagg	79,51	
16	Lewis Barnard	50,	
17	Calvin Newton	50,	
18	Charles Blair	141,81	
19	Lucretia Stearns	10,	
20	Archibald Willard	5,	
			625 31
21	Abigail Heywood	4,00	
22	Thomas & John Sutton	1,53	
23	Capt Lewis Barnard	7,75	
24	Willard Moore	2,25	
25	Uriel Johnson	161,63	
26	Messrs Daniels & Foster	90,75	
27	Joseph Swett	6,75	
28	Messrs. Rogers & Griffin	6,70	
29	Samuel Stowell	105,71	
30	Patty Gray	1,68	
			388 75
31	Simeon Gleason	24,29	
32	John Gleason Jr.	71,02	
33	Asahel Bellows	78,11	
34	Samuel Graves	244,35	
35	Israel Whitney	116,32	
36	Col. John W. Lincoln	314,70	
37	Otis Corbett	236,07	
38	Arthur Adlington	28,07	
39	John Gleason Jr.	163,46	
40	Thomas B. Eaton	10,	
			1286 39
41	John Flagg	300,00	
42	Wm. Chamberlain	8,92	
1826			
43	Enoch Flagg	545,15	
44	Saml. Allen Jr.	51,50	

	Treasurers Commission for his services the past year	50,00	955 57
May 1	Amount of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason J^{r}. uncollected	4806,03	4415 60
	Amount of Cash in the Treasury this day	1341,10	6147 13
		6147,13	$10562 73

C^{r}. Town of Worcester in acct Current with James Wilson, Treasurer of said Town for the year 1825

		$ Cts
1825	By ballance of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason J^{r}. Collector of taxes for the years 1823 & 1824 $2485,47 also Cash remaining in the Treasury this day $1909,49 in the whole amounting to $4394,96 agreeable to the report of the town's Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer	4394 96
20	By interest on a Note against the Estate of the late Abraham Lincoln Esq. for $177,98 paid this day	11 27
Augt. 11	By Cash receiv'd of John Flagg the proceeds of the Store lately occupied by Capt. Reuben Munroe	407 30
Sep^{t}. 20	By Assessors Certificate of Taxes for the year 1825 Committed to John Gleason J^{r}. Collector and charged by me to him	5729 20
1825 April 26	By Cash of Stephen R. Tenney on the Militia law for his exemption	2
	of Heman M. Burr	2
	of William Hovey	2
	of Jonathan Sprague	2
	of Jubal Wheelock	2
	of Sewall Stearns	2
	of John Tatman J^{r}.	2
	of James Harrington	2
	of John Lesure	2
		$10562 73

Worcester May 1st 1826 The Committee appointed by the Town to examine the accounts of the Treasurer for the past year, have this day carefully examined the account by him presented and find the same correctly stated and truly cast, and that he has credited the Town with the sum of ten thousand five hundred and sixty two Dollars and seventy three cents and has charged the Town with four thousand four hundred and fifteen Dollars and sixty cents leaving a ballance in his hands and outstanding in the hands of the Collector of Taxes, still unpaid of six thousand one hundred and forty seven Dollars & thirteen cents. In making this ballance fifty Dollars was charged by and allowed to the Treasurer as a Commission on moneys passing through his hands, or a compensation for his services in his capacity as Treasurer for the past year. And the aforesaid ballance includes the sum of twenty Dollars received by the Treasurer of Military Exempts.

John W. Lincoln
Thos. Chamberlain

The above Report was read and accepted.

Attest Benja. Chapin Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, held on the 6th of Nov. 1826 for choice of a Representative to the twentieth Congress of the United States of America for the Worcester South District votes for the following persons were brought in sorted counted and declaration thereof made as by law is directed to wit

For John Davis Esq of Worcester	76
Pliny Merrick Esq	7
Otis Wheeler	1

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in town-affairs held at the Town-Hall on the 6th of Nov. 1826 the following votes were passed.

1 Chose Otis Corbett Moderator.

2d article Voted to procure riveted Hose for Engine N°. 3 and that the Selectmen be authorised to buy said hose.

3 Art.[1] Voted to dismiss said article. 4 Art.[2] Voted to dismiss the same. 5 Art.[3] D°. 6 Art.[4] D°.

7 Art. Voted that this town approve of the petition of Thaddeus Chapin and others and they instruct their Representatives to use their influence to procure the permanent annexation of the several petitioners to the town of Worcester.

8 Chose John W. Lincoln, Lewis Barnard, Silas Brooks, Committee to receive and examine the accounts which may be exhibited against the town and to report the same at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday the 23[d] Instant at two of the clock P. M.

Attest. Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town-Hall on the 23[d] of Nov. 1826 by adjournment from the 6th of said month the following votes were passed viz.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on accounts as presented and that the committee be further empowered to receive & examine other accounts that may be exhibited and to report at some future meeting.

The Committee of the Town of Worcester who were directed to examine demands against the Town and allow what should to them appear reasonable, have attended to the duty assigned them and beg leave to report as follows

	$ Cts
that there be allowed to Levi Howe in full for his accounts commencing in 1823 to this time	111, 84
To Estate of Sewall Hamilton in full of accounts	3, 41
To Samuel Boyden J[r]. in full of accounts	2, 25
To Ephraim Mower in full of accounts	4, 50
To William Eaton in full of accounts	22, 15

[1] To see if the town would purchase a pasture for the poor establishment.

[2] To see if the town would procure settees for the town hall.

[3] To see if the town would permit the Agricultural Society to store posts and rails used to make their pens in the public pound.

[4] To see if the town would defray the expense of printing the Oration of Mr. Allen before the town on the 4th of July last and to give a copy to the head of every family in town.

To Arthur Adlington in full for his accounts	19, 92
To William Wesson for boarding Barber's children and for clothes	3, 00
To Estate of John Foxcroft in full of accounts	1, 67
To Doc^{t}. Benj^{a}. Chapin in full for his accounts	41, 16
To John W. Lincoln in full for his accounts	15, 54
To Assessors of the Town of Worcester for making taxes for Book & Stationary	112, 54
To Benj^{a}. Tucker in full for his accounts	4, 17
To Joseph Lovell for his accounts	3, 54
To James Green & Co. for account in full	1, 70
To Green & Heywood for so much of their accounts as is chargeable to the town	50, 39
	$397, 68

An account was presented against the town by Capt. Thos. B. Eaton of which your Committee had not satisfactory information to enable them to judge of the reasonableness of some of the charges—they have also examined an account for Plank for 2 Bridges presented by M^{r}. Ebenezer Gates, which they did not think, that they could not be justified in allowing, as they believe that it should have been paid by the Highway Surveyor in his district, he having been directed in his Tax-bill to take care of the Bridges as well as the roads in that district. A demand was presented in favor of Mrs. Rebecca White but your Committee were fully satisfied that the same had been paid by the town.—also a claim was made by Saml. Brazer Esq. which your Committee did not consider as due to him.

All which is submitted by

John W. Lincoln
Silas Brooks

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held at the Town Hall on the 23^{d} day of November 1826 the following votes were passed.

1st Chose Otis Corbett Moderator.

Voted that the Town consent to releese to the Baptist Society a portion of Common land upon such conditions as the following Committee shall prescribe.

Chose Pliny Merrick, Sam[l]. M. Burnside, Silas Brooks, Enoch Flagg, William Eaton, Committee on the 2[d] article of s'd warrant

The Committee appointed to prescribe and fix the terms & conditions upon which the present Baptist Society of the Town shall occupy the land in front of their present house of public worship of the depth of ten feet and of the width of sixty two feet, have considered the subject and determine as follows.

That the said Society shall have leave and consent, of the Town, so far as the town in its corporate capacity has a right to give & afford such leave & consent to occupy said described land for the purpose of building them an addition to their present house of public worship, and to maintain their building which they shall so erect thereon as long as the same shall be improved as a place of public worship and that the possession and right of said land shall revert to and belong to the town whenever said Society shall cease to occupy the same for the purpose aforesaid.

Worcester Nov. 23[d] 1826

Pliny Merrick
Sam[l]. M. Burnside
Enoch Flagg
Silas Brooks
William Eaton

3[d] article Voted to dismiss it.[1]

4 art Voted not to accept the Bridge in its present state, which the Blackstone Canal Company have erected.[2]

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town Hall on the 12th of March 1827 for the choice of Town Officers to serve said town the current year, the following persons were chosen into the offices as attached to their names also the following votes were passed.

Chose Pliny Merrick Esq. Moderator.

Benjamin Chapin Town Clerk, Sworn by Pliny Merrick Esq. March 12th as per Certificate on file.

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[1] "To see if the Town will approve the doings of the Selectmen in laying out a Road from Joseph Patch's to intersect with the Tatnick Road near the House of Levi Moore."

[2] On the road to Grafton.

*Pliny Merrick, *William Eaton, *Thos. Chamberlain, Fred. W. Paine, John Flagg, Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

*John Gleason Jr. *Alpheus Merrifield, *Benja. Butman, Assessors.

James Wilson, Town Treasurer.

John Gleason Jr., Alpheus Merrifield, John W. Lincoln, Committee of Estimates.

Pliny Merrick, Town Agent.

*Luther Burnett Jr., *John F. Clark, Clerks of the Market.

Samuel Hathaway, Silas Brooks, Austin Denny, Committee to settle with Town Treasurer.

Anthony Chase, Sealer of Leather.

Paul Shepard, Culler of Hoops & Staves.

*Samuel Harrington Jr., *Erastus Tucker, Surveyors of Lumber.

*Simeon Gleason, *Caleb Newcomb, Henry Wheeler, *Leonard W. Stowell, William Harrington, *Nathaniel Eaton, Surveyors of Wood & Bark.

John W. Lincoln, Lewis Bigelow, Daniel Heywood, Nathan Heard, George T. Rice, Pliny Merrick, Rejoice Newton, Saml. Harrington Jr., John F. Clark, Fire-Wards.

Benjamin Flagg, Reuben Gleason, Jabez Rice, Israel Whitney, Uriel Johnson, Wm. Trowbridge Jr., Fence-Viewers.

Joseph Patch, *Bezaleel White, Nathl. C. Mower, Jonathan Pierce, *Joseph T. Turner, John Barnard 2d, Field-Drivers and Hog-Reeves.

*Oliver Fiske, *Uriel Johnson, Lewis Chapin, Sewall Rice, *Jonathan Harrington, *John H. Knight, *Sewall Stearns, *Uriah Stone, Ebenezer Read, *Robert S. Gleason, *Luther Johnson, *Ebenezer Mower, *AbelFlagg, *Samuel Perry, Nathl. C. Mower, *Benja. Flagg, *Ephraim Curtis, *Archibald Willard, *Paul Goodell Jr., [High-Way Surveyors & Collectors.]

7th Art. Voted to restrain Neat Cattle, Horses, Mules, and Swine from going at large in town the current year.

The Committee of the Town of Worcester who were directed to examine & allow accounts have attended to the duty assigned them and ask leave to report that there be allowed and paid to

Thomas B. Eaton in full for his account	$21,50
To Timothy W. Bancroft in full	3,00
To T. & J. Sutton in full	25,62
	50,12

*Sworn

This report was accepted also the Report of the Committee who were appointed to Build a Barn at the Poor Establishment which Report is on file.

12 Art. Voted the Selectmen be authorized to procure insurance of the Town Hall against fire; at the Mutual Insurance Office of this County.

13th Art. Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to settle and investigate in the best manner that article.[1]

10 Art. Voted to procure a New-Engine; also sleds for the Engines of said Town.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to contract for said Engine and locate said Engine with power to draw upon the Treasurer of the town to defray the expenses accruing.

Samuel Allen Esq. had Seventy one votes for County Treasurer.

11 Art. Voted to build a School House near White & Boyden's Factory.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to erect said school-house and locate it where the District shall designate if said District can agree upon the scite if not the Committee shall locate said house as they may judge best for the interest of the district.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer of the town; to defray the expenses of the erection of said School-House.

Articles 5th,[2] 6th[3] and 9th[4] were voted to be postponed to the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to adjourn this meeting until the first Monday in April next at 4 of the clock P. M. Adjourned accordingly.

A True Entry . Attest Benj[a] Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote in elections held at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 2[d] of April 1827 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor and Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth and also for Five Senators & Counsellors for the Dis-

[1] To see if the town would cause the corner of Front and Back streets to be established.

[2] To agree upon the method of keeping the schools and the distribution of the school money. [3] To determine the manner of repairing highways.

[4] Reports of former committees.

trict of Worcester County the following persons had the number of votes as annexed to their names respectively.

For Governor

His Excellency Levi Lincoln	327		
William Jarvis	6	Luke Randall	1
Marcus Morton	1	Thos. F. Winthrop	1
Wm. Sullivan	1	Elisha T. Warfield	1
Saml. Hubbard	1	George C. Dean	1
Otis Wheeler	1		

For Lieut. Governor Thos. L. Winthrop 340

Samuel Hoar 1

For Senators

Aaron Tufts	326	Jonas Sibley	10	Bezaleel Taft	1
Jos. G. Kendall	327	Joseph Bowman	10	Nathl. Houghton	2
Joseph Davis	329	Aaron Brooks Jr.	10	Joseph Willard	1
John W. Lincoln	186	Wm. Eaton	9	Rejoice Newton	2
Jos. Estabrooks	139	Silas Holman	11	Aaron Brooks	1
Pliny Merrick	169	Jonathan Davis	4	Joseph Thayer	1
Josiah Howe	113	Saml. Mixter	7	Emory Washburn	1
Nath. P. Denny	27	Dexter Fay	3	Saml. M. Burnside	1
Edmund Cushing	8	Jason Mixter	1		

A True Entry Attest Benja Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote in town-affairs, held at the Town Hall on the 2d April 1827 By adjournment from the 12th of March last the following persons were chosen into office and the following votes were passed viz.

The Report of the Town's Committee on Schools was read and accepted and is as follows.

The School Committee of the town of Worcester appointed last Spring pursuant to an act of the Legislature entitled "an act further to provide for the Instruction of Youth" passed in the winter session of 1826—beg leave to report to the town their doings during the year.

Your Committee felt at first the responsibility and difficulty attending the duties of their appointment, and they entered on them not without much anxiety that any measure adopted in the intro-

duction of a new order of things respecting our schools, should be for the general good. Having learnt by experience as members of the Board of Overseers of the Schools in the Centre District, the importance of a Book of Records, they appointed, at their first meeting, a Clerk, with instructions to procure a suitable Blank Book, in which to record whatever might be judged important in their doings. They then sought first to understand the act providing for their appointment & the duties therein pointed out for them to perform; and having as they thought done this the next thing was to consider how they might discharge their duties to the greatest advantage & acceptance of the town.

To aid them they accordingly invited the Committee-men of the several school districts to a meeting for consultation as to what might meet the wishes & feelings of the several districts. Having obtained what information they could, the Committee then passed the following vote as appears from the Records namely

"That this Committee request the several Committee-men of the respective districts to select such persons to keep their respective schools for the ensuing summer, as should to them be agreeable, subject to examination by this Committee and to be approved by them as the act [pointing?] out their duty requires."

Accordingly the several schools were furnished & taught by instructors obtained as nearly in conformity to this rule as practicable. The Committee attended to the opening, monthly & closing examinations in conformity to the provisions of the act requireing the same, and were in general pleased & in some instances highly gratified with the order, attention & progress of the schools and the devotedness of the instructors to their duty —Thus closed the labor of the Committee for the summer.

On the return of the season of the winter schools were opened in the same way the summer schools had been except that the Committees of the several districts were consulted seperately & individually; and the Committee thought it a pleasing circumstance that in most instances they were enabled to employ masters acceptable to the several districts. Here too, the opening, the several monthly and the closing examinations were attended to by the whole Committee, or in the absence of two of them at General Court, by the other three—except in a case or two, where the duties of their sacred calling prevented.

Before closing this part of their Report the Committee would observe here, that they considered early what plan of examination to proceed upon & coneluded on the following, namely—That at

every examination of a School, the examiner should note the time when he examines, the whole number of Scholars belonging to the school, the number absent & number present, the number of each class, the subjects in which they are examined, their appearance in examination, the scholar at the head & the next best: and finally, the order and discipline of the school, and the comparative standing of the scholars from time to time—the whole to be passed to the Clerk, to be kept on file; in order to the better accomplishment of all which the Committee ordered, further, that the same School Registers should be used by the several Instructors which are used in the Schools in the Centre District, wherein the daily conduct & attention or negligence of each scholar might be carefully noted for inspection. And the Committee have the satisfaction to believe that the plan adopted has been attended with good effects. They think the schools are improving; & it has been particularly pleasing to them to observe how the younger Scholars especially are becoming more & more thoroughly acquainted with the elements of spelling & reading, for not attending to which on first going to school, so many grow up with little or no taste for reading and general improvement. The Committee will only add, on this part of their Report, that they cannot but look forward with pleasing anticipation in view of the progress of the Schools, and the additional facilities which it is hoped may still open for the advancement of our youth in knowledge & Virtue.

The financial concerns of the Committee will be reported separately. It only remains for them therefore to report their doings in relation to the Latin Grammar School. This School had formerly been under the care of the Selectmen of the town; but the act authorising the appointment of your Committee made it now their duty to superintend & control it—nor was it overlooked or forgotten. How it might be raised to the character which it ought to sustain was a subject of early consideration with the Committee, as were also the difficulties & embarrassments which had hitherto attended it. As stated in the notice published by the Committee at the opening of the school under the present Instructor, it was their opinion that if a suitable, permanent Instructor could be obtained and regular attendance secured on the part of scholars, the difficulties & embarrassments would be all removed. After considerable inquiry, they at length engaged Benson C. Baldwin to commence as permanent Instructor on the following conditions namely, that for the first six months (which should be a season of trial for mutual satisfaction between M^{r}. Baldwin on the one hand and the Committee and town on the

other) he should receive at the rate of $580 per year—that for the year ensuing, on supposition of mutual satisfaction and the concurrence of the town he should receive $650 and for every subsequent year, $700 per annum till settled with a family, when his salary should be raised to $800 annually. Having thus provided, as they believed, against the evil of not having a suitable permanent Instructor, it now remained to guard against that arising from temporary, irregular attendance on the part of Scholars. Here your Committee were deeply solicitous to fix on such regulations as might be hoped to recommend themselves to the good sense of their fellow-citizens; and upon mature reflection they thought for Scholars in the Centre-District, one quarter, and for such as live out of it, one month's attendance at least ought to be insisted on, necessary to the prosperity of the School in general, and the greatest good of each scholar in particular. And as to regularity of attendance for the quarter or month your Committee were decidedly & unanimously of opinion that no excuse ought to entitle a delinquent to his place in the school again, which might not be considered strictly providential or occational, and not likely often to return. In the construction of this rule also, a majority of the Committee thought, after a little experiment of the plan, that no dispensation ought to be granted in favor of any one, on the ground of giving opportunity to acquire a polite accomplishment, when it was not granted in accommodation to the steadily returning business of families. But in the absence of a majority of the Committee difficulties arising, the rest judged it expedient in some instances to relax the rule.

To your Committe these regulations appeared necessary and reasonable, and if they could be understood & acted upon, as the Committee hoped they would be, it was confidently believed they would recommend themselves to the judgement & approbation of the town. It is moreover no small pleasure to your Committee to be able notwithstanding all the difficulties which are, perhaps, ever to be expected in the introduction of a new order of things in any of our social relations, to say here, as they think they justly may, in regard both to the Latin School in particular, and the other Schools generally, that they are, by the common consent of all, in altogether an improving state.

Your Committee would also further say, in closing this Report, that they anticipate with pleasure for their successors in office,

the happiness with which they shall attend to the laborious and interesting duties of their appointment.

All which is respectfully submitted

S. M. Burnside
A. Bancroft
Jon^{a}. Going
L. I. Hoadly
Otis Corbett
} School Committee of the town of Worcester.

Voted that the School Committee accept the thanks of the Town for their faithful and eminent services the year past.

The Committee who were directed to estimate what sums of money it would be necessary to defray the current expenses of the town of Worcester for the present year have attended to the duty assigned them and ask leave to report, that in their opinion it will be expedient to raise the following sums to be assessed on the polls & estates within said Town.

For paying the Keeper of the Poor Establishment and defraying the necessary expences of that Estab^{t}.	$800,
For paying the support of David Flagg and Asenath Walker at the house of Correction and also of a child at Roxbury	150
Expence of Hose ordered by the Town	200
For new Engine to be procured including apparatus	1200
for a new School House voted by the town to be erected	325
For cash paid for Mrs. Temple for her support at Rochester who has now deceas'd	130
for support of Caroline Stowell at the Insane-Hospital	160
Compensation to Collector Treasurer Assessors and abatement of Taxes	600
Contingent Expences of the town	335
	$3900

All which is respectfully submitted

John Gleason Jr
Alpheus Merrifield
John W. Lincoln
} Committee of Estimates.

Worcester April 2^{d}, 1827

The above Report was read and accepted and the sum of Three Thousand nine hundred Dollars voted to be raisd and assessed upon the polls & estates of the Inhabitants of Worcester as reported by said Committee.

Voted to raise Twenty six Hundred Dollars for the support of Public Schools in Town the current year to be expended in the same way and manner as last year except the Grammar School shall have seven hundred dollars for the support of that school to be assessed upon the polls and estates of said Inhabitants of Worcester.

Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Selectmen of last year.

Austin Denny, Silas Brooks, Gardner Burbank were chosen for said Committee.

Voted to choose seven persons for a School Committee for the current year.

Chose Aaron Bancroft D. D., Rev. Jonathan Going, Rev. L. I. Hoadly, Rev. Alonzo Hill, Isaac Goodwin, Esq., Charles Allen, Esq.

Voted that each School District chose its own School Committee-man to superintend the concerns of their several districts.

Voted that each School District Clerk shall certify to the Town-Clerk of their having been elected to said office.

Voted that the Town Clerk procure the publication of the Report of the School Committee also M^{r}. Baldwins letter to the Chairman of said committee.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 10th Instant at 3 of the clock P. M. Adjourned accordingly.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, held at the Town Hall on Tuesday April 10th 1827 by adjournment from the 2^{d} Instant; the following persons were chosen into office as annexed to their names; also the following votes were passed viz.

Voted to excuse the Rev. Alonzo Hill as School-Committee-man.

Voted to reconsider the vote in relation to having the School-Committee consist of Seven; and voted to have but Five.

Chose Nathaniel Eaton, Pound Keeper.

" John Gleason J^{r}. Collector of Taxes, and that he receive Two Cents and five mills on the dollar for his services.

Chose John Gleason Jr., Lewis Bigelow, *John F. Clark, *Timothy W. Bancroft, Constables.

Voted to raise the sum of Three Thousand Dollars to repair the Public Roads & Bridges in town the current year and that it be assessed upon the polls & estates of the Inhabitants to be expended and collected as voted last year.

Voted to reconsider the vote in relation to each School District choosing their prudential School-Committee man and voted to choose them at this meeting.

Chose Nathan Heard, Francis Grout, Daniel Stone, Benja. Flagg, Jabez Rice, Joel Gleason, Jonathan Harrington, Jeremiah Harrington, Joseph Daniels, School Committee for the several Districts denominated the prudential Com.

Voted to postpone the choice of Tythingmen to the first Monday in April 1828.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May next at 4 of the clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote for Representatives to the General-Court of this Commonwealth held at the Town-Hall on Monday the 7th of May AD. 1827 the following was the result of said meeting.

1 Voted to be represented.

2 Voted to send Three Representatives to the General Court to represent said Town during the present political year.

Chose William Eaton, Pliny Merrick, Otis Corbett, Representatives.

Meeting dissolved.

Attest Benja. Chapin Town Clerk.

Opened a new Meeting & chose Pliny Merrick Moderator of said meeting.

Voted that the following persons be a Comittee to wit Fred. Wm Paine, Otis Corbett, Nathan Heard, Samuel Ward & Gardner Burbank to procure not exceeding Twelve ladders to be used at

* Sworn.

fires & to provide for their preservation all at the expense of the Town.

Voted that the Committee chosen to procure ladders shall locate the Engine displaced by the New Engine and make suitable provision for its preservation: and also under the Seventh Article that the same Committee shall provide all necessary apparatus for the fire Engines and make all necessary arrangments for the same all at the expence of the Town.

6 Art. Voted that the Representatives use their influence to have a Company incorporated as a fire Hook and Ladder Company[1] as expresd by said 6th article.

8 Art. Voted to choose a Committee to report at the next town meeting in relation to a new Burial Ground Chose Austin Denny, Lewis Bigelow, Silas Brooks, Enoch Flagg, Thos. Chamberlain, Samuel Perry, Fred. Wm. Paine, Ebenezer Mower, Otis Corbett, and Samuel Ward for said Committee.

9 Art. Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to procure insurance to be had on the Buildings from fire of the Town-Farm.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, held on the 7th of May 1827 by adjournment from the 12th of March last the following was the business of said meeting.

1 Voted to accept the following Report

The Committee appointed by the Town to settle with the former Board of Selectmen & to transfer the Books and papers of the Town in their hands to the present Selectmen—Report—That they have examined an account Current of Monies receiv'd and expended or paid over for the Town, by the Selectmen, regularly kept in a Book for that purpose, Commencing March 9th 1825 and ending March 10th 1827, and after a careful and satisfactory investigation, have found the account accurately stated and all the payments well vouched or satisfactorily accounted for; and that a ballance of Eighty seven dollars and ninety cents, remaining in their hands since the 10th day of March last, has been paid over to the Town-Treasurer by Otis Corbett Esq. Chairman of the former Board. In addition to that account, they have had exhibited to them an account of Monies received by

[1] "Not exceeding thirty men . . with the like exemptions as engine men."

said Selectmen since April 1826 for granting Licences under the act of March 4th 1826, for Public Shows, amounting to the sum of One hundred & ten dollars. This money by the provisions of that act, is to be appropriated for the benefit of the Poor of the Town; and the Selectmen, as Overseers of the Poor, have held it as a distinct fund to be applied to the purchase of articles of Furniture for the Poor-house, principally such as will conduce to the comfort of the sick or infirm, & to diminish the labor of those who attend on them. The sum of Fifty-three Dollars & Sixty-five cents has been expended in this way, leaving a balance of Fifty-six Dollars and thirty five cents unexpended which has been paid over to the Committee and by them paid to the present Selectmen. For the purpose of ascertaining whether the monies received by the Selectmen on the Town Bonds, was accurately entered on their acct current, it became necessary for the Committee to examine those Bonds; and having done as they deem it proper to include in their Report, a list and discription of the Bonds in order that the Town may be informed, not only what Bonds have been transferred by the Committee to the present Selectmen, but of the actual condition of them.

The following is a list of the Bonds delivered to the Committee by Otis Corbett Esq. Chairman of the former Selectmen, and by them delivered to Pliny Merrick Esq. Chairman of the present Board.

Principal.	Sureties	Principal Sum	Time up to which Interest is paid
Moses N. Child	Wm. Moore & Paul Shepard	$230,00	Dec. 1, 1824
Nathan White	Israel Whitney & Ephm. Mower	133,33	Dec. 1, 1825
John W. Hubbard	Nathl. Paine & David Richards	103,00	Dec. 1, 1824
Wm. Eaton Jr.	Wm. Eaton & Rufus Porter	51,86	Dec. 1, 1825
Benja. Chapin	Timothy Bancroft	125,00	Dec. 1, 1824
Mary Wheeler	Saml. Graves Wm. Eaton Jr. and Wm. Harrington	110,00	Dec. 1, 1825
Joel Gleason	Reuben Gleason & Elijah Flagg	142,00	Dec. 1, 1825
John Jones	Simon Gates & Wm. Paine	141,00	Dec. 1, 1825
Nathl. Stowell	Thos. Rice & Paul Gates	86,67	Dec. 1, 1824
Willard Moore	Wm. Moore & Wm. Chamberlain	75,83	Dec. 1, 1824
Thos. Chamberlain	Wm. Chamberlain & D. Curtis	336,66	Dec. 1, 1825
George Moore	Alpheus Merrifield	119,44	Dec. 1, 1823
		No Interest has been paid	
Jedediah Healy	Saml. Ward & Saml. Warden	69,33	Dec. 1, 1823

Erastus Tucker	Nath[l]. Gates, L. Bigelow	230,00	Dec. 1,	1825
W[m]. Coes	Thaddeus Chapin	125,00	Dec. 1,	1824
James Wilson	Stephen Goddard	408,62	Dec. 1,	1825
Daniel Stearns	Daniel Stearns J[r]. Sewall Stearns & Matthew Gray	425,65	Dec. 1,	1825
Joel Putnam	Sam[l]. & Charles Putnam	78,67	Dec. 1,	1825
Sam[l]. Sturtevant	Lewis Sturtevant, Sam[l]. Sturtevant J[r]. John Flagg W[m]. Harrington	633,16	Dec. 1,	1824
Reuben Gleason	James Gleason & Amos Flagg	161,58	Dec. 1,	1825
W[m]. Chamberlain	Peter Slater Willard Moore	246,67	Dec. 1,	1826
Cornelius Stowell	Abel Stowell Thos Johnson	35,00	Dec. 1,	1817
Eph[m] Mower	John Gleason, Thos. G. Mower	292,56	Dec. 1,	1824
Levi Rice	W[m] Eaton, Peter Slater	87,50	Dec. 1.	1818
Rufus Porter	Joel Gates Lewis Bigelow	300,75	Dec. 1,	1824
Nath[l]. Gates	Levi Gates Jos. Mann	original sum 449,44	Dec.	
	Now due	224,72	Dec. 1,	1825

One half of the original sum secured by Nath[l]. Gates' Bond was paid to the Selectmen in Sept last with interest thereon up to that time and by them credited in their account. The Selectmen received also on the 29th of May last the Principal & Interest of Abraham Lincoln's Bond amounting to $484—which sum is also credited in their account.

The Committee have also received and transferred as aforesaid, a Note made by W[m]. Goulding to the town May 9th 1807 for $100, on which is endorsed January 1st 1810 a receipt of $76, —B. Butman & Co's Due Bill for sundry articles of Paint—Increase Stearns J[r] Note for $14,58 dated August 14th 1809 a certain Bond of Indemnity to the town from W[m]. Wesson and others —a Note of Thomas Tyler dated March 12, 1827 for $26,11 made to Otis Corbett for the use of the Town, and by him endorsed. And other papers, Documents, and Books.

It is very gratifing to the Committee to be able to say that the accounts, which it has been their duty to examine have been so Kept as to present at all times an intelligible statement of the pecuniary transactions of the Selectmen. Previous to March 1825 there does not appear to have been any regular account kept by the Selectmen; at any rate not in the Selectmen's Book. The inconvenience & the danger of mistakes, arising from the want of such an account, must have been great; and the example of method and accuracy, which has been set by the Chairman of the

old Board of Selectmen, will not the Committee trust be lost sight of hereafter.

Before closing their Report the Committee ask the indulgence of suggesting the propriety of making it the business of the Selectmen to audit & settle all ordinary accounts & claims against the town. From their necessary acqaintance with the concerns of the [town] they are best qualified to adjust such claims; and in this way the inconvenience & delay often occationed to individuals by a reference of their claims to a Committee of accounts of temporary authority would be avoided. There seems to be no objection to such a course especially if the Town will annually appoint a Committee to examine the accounts of the Selectmen.

Which is respectfully submitted
Austin Denny
Silas Brooks
Worcester May 7th 1827 Gardner Burbank
Committee

I acknowledge the receipt of the money, Books, Notes, Bonds and papers mentioned in the foregoing Report as delivered by said Committee to the Selectmen. Pliny Merrick.

May 7th 1827.

Voted, That the School Committee shall report at the next town-meeting.

Voted. That the Town Treasurer shall not allow or accept any Order except drawn by the Selectmen of the town or by a Committee especially appointed for that purpose and approved by the Selectmen.

Voted. That the Highway Surveyors shall annually make a settlement with the Selectmen.

Choose George W. Mower, Field Driver and Hog-Reeve.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee to settle with the Town-Treasurer which is as follows.

Worcester May 7th 1827 The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer for the past year Report—That they have examined the Treasurer's account and find the same correctly stated & well vouched and that he has credited the Town with the sum of $12954,39 including in this sum, twelve dollars receiv'd by him from military Exempts; and has charged the sum of $7019,80 including $50, for his compensation for the year—leaving a Ballance in his hands and outstanding in the hands of the Collector of $5934,53.

Saml. Hathaway
Silas Brooks
Austin Denny

D^r. Town of Worcester, in acct. Current with James Wilson Treasurer of said Town for the year 1826.

1826	To the payment of the following Orders		
May 2		$ Cts	
N°. 1	Thomas & John Sutton	18,62	
2	Levi Howe	15,92	
3	Saml. M. Burnside Esq.	45,00	
4	Otis Corbett	1387,00	
5	Saml. M. Burnside Esq.	77,66	
6	Daniel Knowlton	25,00	
7	Saml. M. Burnside Esq.	22,30	
8	D^r. Benj^a. Chapin	41,16	
9	Levi Howe	89,66	
10	Daniel Heywood & Co.	38,73	
			1761 05
11	D. Miller	80,00	
12	John Miller	31,18	
13	John Homer	7,00	
14	Reuben Munroe	31,50	
15	J. Gleason, J. W. Lincoln & A. Merrifield	112,54	
16	John Gleason J^r.	87,64	
17	Benj^a. Butman & C°.	95,	
18	Calvin Newton	100,	
19	John Gleason J^r.	30,	
20	Ebenezer Willington	17,04	
			594 90
21	Thos. Chamberlain	49,99	
22	Silas Brooks	3,73	
23	William A. Wheeler	20,52	
24	T. & J. Sutton	15,50	
25	Calvin Newton	350,	
26	Col. J. W. Lincoln	198,24	
27	Rice & Miller	78,66	
28	Capt. Lewis Bigelow	65,	
29	Saml. M. Burnside Esq.	1900,	
30	Benson C. Baldwin	290,	
			2971 64
31	John Flagg	398,34	
32	Samuel Graves	300,	
33	Heirs of the late John Foxcroft	1,67	
34	Thomas Nichols J^r.	20,53	
35	Green & Heywood	50,39	
36	Saml. Boyden J^r.	2,25	

37	Hon. William Eaton	13,11	
38	John Gleason	44,55	
39	Simeon Gleason	75,71	
40	Capt. Ephraim Mower	4,50	
			911 05
41	John Gleason Jr.	605,22	
42	Pliny Merrick Esq.	46,75	
43	John Gleason Jr.	79,25	
			731 22
May 7	Treasurers commission for his Services the past year		50
			7019 86
	Amount of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason Jr. Uncollected	4844,97	
	Amount of Cash in the Treasury this day	1089,56	5934 53
			$12954 39

1826 Cr.

May 1	By ballance of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason Jr. Collector of taxes for the years 1824 & 1825 $4808,03 also Cash remaining in the Treasury this day $1341,10 in the whole amounting to $6147,13 agreeable to the report of the town's Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer	6147 13
29	By Cash receiv'd of Otis Corbett Esq. being the amount of the bond of the late Abraham Lincoln Esq. with the interest on the same from Dec. 1st 1823 to this day	484
Augt. 7	By Assessors Certificate of Taxes for the year 1826 Committed to John Gleason Jr. Collector and charged by me to him	5988 50
Sept. 2	By Cash receiv'd of Otis Corbett Esq. for one half the principal of Nathl. Gates & Sons Bond and Interest on the same to this day	234 86
1827		
May 5	By Cash receiv'd of Otis Corbett Esq. ballance on settlement due the Town for the years 1825 and 1826	87 90

1826

May 1	By Cash of Arnold Morse for his exemption from Militia duty	2
	Levi Gates, Ebenezer Gould, James Harrington, Jubal Wheelock and Stephen R. Tenny for Militia exemption	10
	Read & accepted	$12954 39

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benj[a] Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held at the Town Hall on the 24th of September 1827 the following votes were passed viz.

1st Chose Pliny Merrick Moderator.

Art. 2 Voted That the First Parish of said Town have leave to enlarge their meeting house ten feet on the east & west of the North Porch of said house on the following conditions That the said First Parish shall have leave & consent of the Town, so far as the Town in its corporate capacity has a right to give and afford such leave & consent; to occupy said described land for the purpose of building them an addition to their present house of public worship, and to maintain their building which they shall erect thereon as long as the same shall be improved as a place of public worship and that the possession & right of said land shall revert to and belong to the Town whenever said Society shall cease to occupy the same for the purpose aforesaid.

3 Chose Austin Denny, Daniel Stone & Enoch Flagg a Committee to settle with the School Committee of the Last year to report at the next Town Meeting.

Voted to recommit the subject of a new Burial-Ground to the same Committee who were chosen for that purpose and that they have leave to report at the next Town Meeting.

Art. 4. Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to divide into School-Districts the Town, except the Centre School District, as they shall think best and to report to the Town at some future meeting.

5th In relation to the Town-Roads[1] to be postponed and that the same article be inserted in the warrant of next March meeting.

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[1] Action on the report printed on pages 235–240, this volume.

6th Voted to choose a Committee to investigate that subject make such arrangements as said Committee shall think best to secure & promote the interest of the town at the adjournment for the Town's acceptance if thought expedient.

Chose Saml. M. Burnside, Otis Corbett, Enoch Flagg, Daniel Goulding, Saml. Hathaway, For said Committee.[1]

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday next at 3 of the clock P. M.

Attest. Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester held at the Town-Hall on the 27th of September AD 1827 by adjournment from the 24th Instant the following business was disposed of.

Inhabitants of Worcester in acct. with the School-Committee for 1826–7.

1827		$ Cts.
May	To Cash expended in the Centre-School District in support of Schools	798 19
	To do in New Worcester School Dist	169 71
	To do in Tatnic District	151 42
	To do in Burbanks do	146 25
	To do in Adams Square Dist	104 28
	To do in Burnt Coat plain District	115 58
	To do in Bairds District	78 75
	To do in E. Reads Do.	69 50
	To do in Mr. Thaxters do	85 17
June 2	To do paid Jona. Harrington for E. Reads D.	38 18
July 2	To do Luther Johnson for Thaxters D.	5 18
25	To do Jer. Harrington for Bairds D.	32 13
Aug. 2	To do Daniel Stone for New Worcester D.	50 41
	To do Joel Gleason for Adams S. D.	23 42
Sept. 11	To do Francis Grout for Burbanks D.	11 31
13	To Benja. Flagg for Tatnic Dist	19 21
24	To do for Burn Coat plain District	9 31
		1900

[1] "To see if the Town will make any arrangement with Charles Allen Esq. for the straightening of the road on South-Street." [Now Park street.]

C^r. By cash drawn from the Town Treasury per order of Selectmen 1900

Errors excepted Saml. M. Burnside,
per order of the School Committee.

Sept 27th 1827 The Committee to whom was refered the (foregoing) acct of the School Committee of last year, Report that they have examined the vouchers produced by the Committee, and find them to amount to the sum of $1901,55 being $1,55 more than the Committee have charged the Town in their acct.

All which is submitted By order of the Committee
Austin Denny.

Voted to accept the above report.

6th article in the warrant a Report was read and voted not to accept said report which is on file.

Voted to postpone indefinitely said 6th article.[1]

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benj^a. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, held at the Town-Hall on the 5th of Nov. 1827 the following votes were passed

1st Chose Fred. W^m. Paine Moderator.

2 Voted to accept the Road laid out by the Selectmen from the house owned by Joseph Patch to Tatnick-Road near Levi Moore's shop.

3 Voted to raise the sum of Two Hundred and fifty Dollars to defray the expenses of said road and that it be assessed upon the polls & estates of the Inhabitants of the town.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Worcester laid out for the use of said Town a Town-Way as follows to wit

Beginning at the termination of the Road which leads from the Great Post Road from Worcester to Leicester by the dwelling house of Benjamin Patch or the Corner of Whipple Patch's lot on the West Wall of said Road, thence North, Forty-Two degrees West, twenty six rods and Fifteen links on land of Wing Kelley to a heap of Stones; thence North Twelve degrees West thirty three rods and sixteen links on said Kelley's land & on Gideon

[1] See note on preceding page.

Paine's land to a walnut tree; thence North Fifteen degrees West forty one rods and thirteen links to a heap of stones on the side hill South East of Gideon Paine's house; thence North six degrees West thirty two rods on said Paine's land to a point ten rods distant from a stake & stones by land of Levi Moore; thence so as to meet and coincide with a line Two rods east of the line herein next described; then from said Stake & Stones North one degree west twelve rods on Gideon Paine's land to the end of a Virginia rail fence, thence North thirty one rods & ten links to a stake & stones on land of Levi Moore; thence North nineteen degrees East forty six rods on land of said Moore to land of Robert and Charles Blair; thence North Eighteen degrees East twenty seven rods & twenty links to an angle in the wall Thence North fifteen degrees East fourteen rods to the Tatnick Road, so called leading from Worcester to Hardwick; the [ ] last distance as being on land of said Robert & Charles except a small tract on the last corner belonging to William Moore.

The Road to be two rods wide and to be on the westerly side of the line aforedescribed from its commencement to the said point of intersection with the line two rods East of the Stake & stones by land of Levi Moore and from the said Stake & Stones to be on the Easterly side of the line described to the said Tatnick Road And we have agreed with the owners of the land over which the said Road passes for their damages as follows to wit;

To Wing Kelley Fifty Dollars to be paid by the said town of Worcester. And to the said Gideon Paine & Levi Moore released all damages for laying said Road through their land. And with the said Robert & Charles we could not agree; and we therefore determined the damages for & to the said Robert and Charles to be Fifty five Dollars and no more, to be paid by said Town to said Robert & Charles. And we allowed the owners of said lands Two months to take off the wood and timber standing & growing thereon.

Which said Road[1] is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance; and when accepted & recorded is forever after to be Known as a public Town-Way.

Dated at Worcester this Fifth day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Twenty seven.

Pliny Merrick
Thos. Chamberlain
John Flagg
Fred. W^m. Paine
} Selectmen of Worcester

[1] The present May street.

Know all Persons by these Presents that we Gideon Paine, Benjamin Patch, W^m^. W. Patch and John Patch all of Worcester in the County of Worcester Yeomen are holden & stand firmly bound unto the Inhabitants of Worcester in their corporate capacity as a Town in the full sum of Ten hundred Dollars to the payment of which sum to the said Inhabitants we do jointly & severally bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators firmly by these Presents sealed with our seals Dated this Fifth day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Twenty-seven.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the Selectmen of the said Town of Worcester have contracted with the above bound Paine, Patch, Patch & Patch the said Town of Worcester shall pay to the said Paine, Patch, Patch & Patch the sum of Two hundred and fifty Dollars for making the Road hereinafter mentioned and for indemnifying and saving harmless the said Town from all loss, cost and damage by reason of said Road and whereas the said Paine, Patch, Patch & Patch have assumed and contracted with the said Selectmen to make said Road and to indemnify and save harmless the Town as aforesaid for the consideration aforesaid to be paid at the completion of the Road aforesaid.

Now therefore if the said Paine, Patch, Patch and Patch shall make construct and finish the Road this day by the Selectmen aforesaid laid out from the termination of the Road by the dwelling house owned by Joseph Patch and thence to the Tatnick Road so called within twelve months from the day of the date hereof to the acceptance of the Selectmen of said Town for the time being & shall wholly indemnify and save harmless the said Town from all loss, cost & damage by reason of the location and acceptance the Road aforesaid in any way or manner arising then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force power and virtue.

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of
Fred. W. Paine
Benj^a^. Chapin
Thos Chamberlain
John Flagg

Gideon Paine
Benj^a^. Patch
W^m^. W. Patch
John Patch
} seals

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Worcester pursuant to a Vote of said Town have taken into consideration the subject of dividing the Town into new School Districts and now report that the only alteration at present expedient is the formation

of a new District taking a part of each of the New Worcester and the Francis Grout School Districts and combining the parts so taken into a new District. The Selectmen propose the following Description of the District as aforesaid to be made anew.

Beginning at the Canal Lock near the Dwelling House of Israel Whitney from thence to the dwelling House of Ephraim Curtis in a straight line and including all the land owned and occupied as a homestead by said Curtis; thence from the said Dwelling house of said Curtis in a straight line to the Dwelling house of Thaddeus & Lewis Chapin and including all the land then owned & occupied by the said Thaddeus & Lewis; thence from the said Dwelling house of said Thaddeus and Lewis to a point on the North line of the highway leading from Israel Whitney's to New Worcester so called, one hundred Rods west of the dwelling house of John Patch; thence on the North side of said highway, and including the Dwelling Houses now standing or hereafter to be placed on the North side of said highway having no other access to the publick roads than said last mentioned Road to said Lock opposite the Dwelling House of said Whitney.

All which is respectfully submitted

Worcester Nov. 5th 1827

Pliny Merrick
John Flagg
Fred W. Paine
Thos. Chamberlain
} Selectmen of Worcester.

The above report was read and accepted.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benj[a] Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Elections & town affairs, held at the Town-Hall in said town on the 3[d] day of March AD 1828 the following persons were chosen for the several offices as annexed to their names, also the following votes were passed viz.

1st Chose Pliny Merrick Moderator.

Benjamin Chapin Town Clerk, Sworn March 3[d] by Pliny Merrick Esq.

*Pliny Merrick, *William Eaton, *Thos. Chamberlain, *John Flagg, *Benj[a]. Butman, Selectmen.

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* Sworn.

*John Gleason Jr., *Benja. Butman, *Silas Brooks, Assessors.

James Wilson, Town Treasurer.

John Gleason Jr., Benja. Butman, Silas Brooks, Committee of Estimate.

Pliny Merrick, Town Agent.

Luther Burnett Jr., John F. Clark, Clerks of the Market.

Austin Denny, Enoch Flagg, Fred. Wm. Paine, Committee to settle with Town Treasurer and Selectmen.

Anthony Chase, Sealer of Leather.

Paul Shepard, " of Hoops & Staves.

Saml. Harrington Jr., Alpheus Merrifield, Surveyors of Lumber.

Nathan Heard, Leonard W. Stowell, Henry Wheeler, George Perrin, *Simeon Gleason, Caleb Newcomb, Measurers of Wood & Bark.

10 Article[1] Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee on that subject.

*Uriel Johnson, Saml. T. Read, John Flagg, *Benja. Flagg, Jubal Boyden, *Daniel Tatman, Ebenezer Read, Fence-Viewers.

George T. Mower, George Moore, Sewall Rice, *Luther White, Field-Drivers and Hog-Reeves.

Fred Wm. Paine, Daniel Heywood, Nathan Heard, George T. Rice, Joseph Lovell, Rejoice Newton, Saml. Harrington Jr., John F. Clark, Lewis Bigelow, Fire-Wards.

Charles Allen, Isaac Goodwin, John M. Earle, Otis Corbett, Alfred D. Foster, School Committee of the Town.

Nathan Heard, Martin Wilder, Nathan Perry, Amos Howard, Nahum Willington, Peter Kendall, Ebenezer Read, James Harrington, Isaac Mills, Lewis Chapin, Prudential School-Committee.

5 Art. Voted to restrain Neat Cattle, Horses and Mules, ; also Swine from running at large the current year.

3 article of the Warrant[2] was postponed to the adjournment.

4 article. Voted to postpone said article.[3]

6 article. Rejoice Newton, Thomas Chamberlain, Enoch Flagg, Silas Brooks, Committee to take the subject of obstruction of the High Way into consideration and to report at the adjournment.

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[1] To provide seats for the Town Hall. *Sworn.

[2] Money for town charges.

[3] To determine the manner of repairing roads and bridges.

7 art.[1] Voted to postpone it. 9 art.[2] D°.

Voted that the Selectmen Number the School Districts, and to report the same.

Fred. W^m. Paine, Lewis Cutting, *Nathaniel Gates, Jonathan Harrington, Elijah Flagg, Abel Flagg, W^m. Trowbridge J^r. *Silas Brooks, Saml. Hathaway, Francis Thaxter, Ebenezer Mower, Sewall Stearns, Samuel Perry, *Thomas Nichols J^r. *Benjamin Flagg, William Goss, Asa Gates, John Barnard 2d, Col. Artemas Ward, High-Way Surveyors.

The Committee of the Town to whom was refered the subject of a New Burial Ground made a Report which was recommitted to the said Committee, the Report is on file.

Report of the School Committee of the Town of Worcester for the year ending March 1828

The Committee to whom was entrusted the care of the several District Schools of the Town beg leave to report the following— The Schools under the care of the Committee have been Eight for the Summer & Nine for the Winter, one District having been divided into two. The Instructors in every case have been such as were first presented by the District-Committees and the Committee feel a pleasure in saying that, though they would have wished in some cases, for more promise in the candidates than was afforded from examination, the result of trial in every instance of a new instructor both Masters & Mistresses, has been attended, so far as the Committee have been able to learn with a good degree of satisfaction.

Of the Eight Summer Schools, five were taught by Instructors who had kept before with the approbation of the Committee of the last year and to the satisfaction of the Districts where they taught. The other Three were under the care of Instructors who had not kept before.

Of the Nine Winter Schools, Two of them only had the same Instructors they had the Winter before. The other Seven had new Instructors who were examined and approved in the usual way, except one who being a graduate of College was approved without examination. Both the Summer & Winter Schools were examined monthly by some one or more of the Committee, accompanied in some cases by members of the Districts—a thing

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[1] Proportion of money for repair of roads in the Centre District.

[2] Alteration in the road near William Moore's. *Sworn.

which was very agreeable to the Committee and which they would highly recommend as likely to have a happy influence upon the Schools.

The appearance of the Schools has uniformly been good through the year. Considering their age, the younger scholars have generally appeared to be in advance of the older ones; but not to lay to the fault of the older scholars, the Committee are disposed to regard it only a pleasing proof that the present system of school Education is operating well.

The whole number of Scholars has been in the Summer Schools from 350 to 375; in the Winter Schools from 450 to 475 or nearly that. Reckoning the Latin Grammar School, which has also been under the care of the Committee, the whole number of Scholars in the Ten Schools, has been, in the Summer about 380; in the Winter 500.

The Summer Schools kept from three to four months; the Winter Schools not so long, and one of them but two months. And here the Committee would take occation to say that in their judgment the Winter Schools, generally, ought, if possible, to be kept longer than they are Nor can they pass the circumstance without commendation, that some Districts have generously contributed to continue their schools beyond the time provided for by the public money.

The Committee have alluded to the Latin Grammar School. The Town are aware that M[r]. Baldwin left the school last September. The Committee regretted his leaving but in deciding among the applicants for the school they [are] encouraged to hope from experiment thus far, that they were led to the election of a Master who will at least make good the place of M[r]. Baldwin; and they cheerfully recommend to the continued patronage of the Town the present Instructor, Mr. Leonard Worcester as one calculated to answer every reasonable expectation & eventually raise the School to what it ought to be and what every citizen must wish to see it an ornament to the town. The studies in the School are Reading, Writing, Grammar, Geography, and Arithmetic. A few of the younger lads are studying Latin. Some of the older scholars during the Winter attended to such particular branches as were best suited to their particular prospects in life. The School appears to be in a good state. The Committee close their report by expressing their good wishes for the prosperity of the Schools and the growing conviction they have that the ultimate success of the present system of Education in

our District Schools depends very much upon the vigilance, activity & thorough attention of the Town's Committee.

By order of the School Committee of the town of Worcester.

L. Ives Hoadly, Clerk.

Worcester, March 3d. 1828.

Read & accepted by vote of the Town.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next at 4 of the clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors held at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 7th day of April 1828 being the first Monday in said month the following was the result of said meeting.

For Governor His Excellency Levi Lincoln one hundred and sixty one 161
Hon. Marcus Morton twelve 12
William Sullivan one 1
Rufus Dunbar one 1

For Lieut. Governor } Thomas L. Winthrop one hundred and fifty eight 158
Nathan Willis eight 8
Saml. Hoar J^{r}. one 1
W^{m}. Phillips one 1
Otis Wheeler one 1
Cyrus Stockwell one 1

Edmund Cushing	139	William Eaton	1
Joseph Bowman	80	Warren Rawson	2
John W. Lincoln	126	George A Tufts	4
Charles Allen	43	Silas Holman	3
Joseph Davis	104	Benj^{a}. Adams	1
Joseph Estabrook	106	Joseph Hastings	1
W^{m}. S. Hastings	60	Francis B. Fay	1
Nathl. P. Denny	6	Saml. M. Burnside	1
John Brown	6	Joseph Thayer	1
Saml. Mixer	72	Stephen Holman	1
Pliny Merrick	11	Lewis Bigelow	1
Joseph Willard	42	Jonas Sibley	1
Austin Flint	2	Isaac Davis	1
Bezaleel Taft J^{r}.	16	Joseph Brown	1
Josiah Howe	5	James Bowman	1

For Senators & Counsellors

2d Article of the warrant in relation to a Division of the County was as follows viz.

Nays, two hundred & twenty four 224
Yeas, two 2

A True Entry Attest Benjª Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall April 7th 1828 the following votes were passed to wit

Chose Pliny Merrick Moderator.

4th Art. Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee to take Doct Fiske's request[1] into consideration in relation to Hay Scales and to report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to accept the Road called Central Street as laid out by the Selectmen which is as follows

The Selectmen having taken into consideration [the petition] of Benjª. Goddard 2d and others to lay out a High Way from School Street to Thomas Street have determined that the public convenience and necessity require such a highway and they have accordingly laid the same out as follows Beginning on School Street as far East as the Northeast Corner of the Stage Stable of Simeon Burt thence in straight line to Thomas Street at the South East corner of the land of William Wheeler the said Road to be forty feet on the East side of said Straight line Excepting so much of said forty feet as is now covered by the machine Shop of Washburn and Goddard by the machine Shop and part of the small building erected for the purpose of geering for horse power Said High Way to be called and known by the name of Central Street

Pr. Order of the Selectmen Pliny Merrick, Chairman.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May next at 4 of the clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benjª. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester held April 7th 1828 by adjournment from March 3d last past; the business of said meeting was disposed of as follows.

[1] To allow the proprietors of the patent right to place Wadsworth's Platform Scales for weighing live stock or merchandise in the bank east of the South Meeting House or in some other place in the vicinity.

Voted to accept the following Report.

The Selectmen having taken into consideration the Expediency of numbering the several School Districts in the Town have determined that it ought to be done, and they accordingly recommend that the town order that the several School Districts be hereafter numbered and known as follows to wit.

The Centre School District	N°.	1
The Tatnick District	„	2
The New Worcester District	„	3
The District of which Lewis Chapin is prudential Committee	„	4
The District in which Elijah Burbank lives	„	5
The District in which Reuben Munroe lives	„	6
The District in which Francis Harrington lives	„	7
The Adams Square District	„	8
The Burncoat plain District	„	9
The District called the Read District	„	10

All which is respectfully submitted

Pr Order of Selectmen Pliny Merrick Chairman

The Selectmen, in pursuance of a Vote of the Town that they should settle the accounts of the several Highway Surveyors and make report thereof to the Town made such progress therein as they have been able to do and now ask leave to report

That they gave public Notice that they should be in session at the house of Joseph Lovell on Saturday the 15th of March last for the purpose of settling said accounts and afterwards they would meet at the same place on the 5th day of April Current on which occations they examined & settled all the accounts which were presented and found the following results

Abel Flagg's whole Bill was 94,05 He was unable to collect 1,89—92,16 He expended satisfactorily 89,84 He has now on hand at the disposition of the Town 2,32

Paul Goodale's whole Bill 219,48 He collected & expended all but 42 cents 219,02—42

All was Satisfactorily Expended on the highways Except the sum of $8,19 which was expended to put in a new Watering trough by the land of W^m^. Lincoln The Selectmen determined that that charge was not proper to be withdrawn from the appropriation of the support of the highways and that the same ought now to be at the disposal of the Town.

Lewis Chapin's whole Bill $168,80 He could not collect 10,23 —158,57 He expended satisfactorily 155,48 Ballance in his hands at the disposal of the Town $3,04

Robert S. Gleason's whole Bill was $108,55 He could not collect 21,46—87,09 Expended Satisfactorily 83,49 On hand at disposal of the Town 3,60

Ebenezer Mower's whole Bill was $155,94 He collected all but ,53—155,41. Expended satisfactorily 134,20 On hand at disposal of the Town $21,21

Benj^{a}. Flagg's whole Bill $170,71 He collected all but 6,18 —164,53. Expended satisfactorily 162,22. On hand at disposal of the Town $2,31

Sewall Stearns whole Bill $238,11 Collected all but 2,98 He expended the whole satisfactorily and a trifle over $235,13

Ephraim Curtis whole Bill 47,95 He collected all but 1,06 Expended all of it satisfactorily 46,89

Ebenezer Read whole Bill 69,61 He collected all but 4,77 —64,84 Expended satisfactorily 56,70 On hand at disposal of Town $8,14

Jonathan Harringtons whole Bill 149,51 He collected all but 4,46 Expended all of it satisfactorily 145,05

Nathl. C. Mower whole Bill 148,65 He collected all but 5,30 —143,35 Expended satisfactorily 135,29 On hand at disposal of Town 8,06

The following persons Surveyors in their respective Districts the last year have not offered their accounts for settlement, and the Selectmen have received no explanation from any of them to wit Oliver Fiske, Uriel Johnson, John H. Knight, Uriah Stone, Sewall Rice, Luther Johnson, Saml. Perry, Archibald Willard.

The Selectmen recommend that the ballances be paid to the successer of those who have such ballance in each district. They have noticed in most instances that small sums of money were expended for the purchase of spiritous liquors—a practice which custom has sanctioned; but which they think ought to be wholly discontinued, they therefore recommend that the Town order and direct that no part of the money appropriated by the Town for the Repair of the highways shall be expended for spiritous liquors.

All which is submitted P^{r}. Order of Selectmen,

Worcester April 7th 1828. P. Merrick, Chairman.

The above Report was read and accepted and the Selectmen were requested to procure a settlement with the remaining surveyors who have not settled.

Voted not to accept the Report of the Selectmen in forming a new School District out of Tatnick District; which report and a remonstrance is on file.

Voted to recomitt the Report of the Committee in relation to a settlement with the Selectmen and be instructed to report at the adjournment.

Voted that the Committee on obstructions in the Highway have leave to sit again & report.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen in an alteration of the Road from William Moores to Paul Shepards and is as follows

The Selectmen having taken into consideration the Petition of Paul Shepard and others for an alteration in the highway leading from the Tatnick Road by the Dwelling house of Paul Shepard ask leave to report

That the proposed alteration is a great improvement in the road; and if any considerable number of Citizens had occation to use the road there would be no doubt of the course to be taken by the Town. The road would of course be changed at the expence of the Corporation But the Selectmen find that the present road and that also which shall be made if the proposed alteration takes place will accommodate only two or three families resident in the vicinity of the hill and such others as have occational business there In this point of view the road is scarcely distinguishable from a private way which the law provides shall in all cases be made & supported by the individuals for whose benefit it exists. But considering there is already a Town Road and that very great advantages would result to those who either live or have occation to go into the neighborhood of M^{r}. Shepard, to have the proposed alteration take effect and under the circumstances of the case the Selectmen have thought proper that the expence & charges would be bourne partly by the Town and partly by the individuals who may expect the principal advantage from it. It is probable the whole proposed alteration will cost Three hundred Dollars. The charge of the Town in the opinion of the Selectmen ought not to exceed one half of that sum.

The Selectmen have therefore located the road as hereafter described & recommend to the Town to accept the same upon the condition that the Petitioners shall first give good security satisfactory to the Selectmen to save the Town harmless from all loss, cost or damage & expence over and above One hundred and fifty Dollars.

The alteration of the Road as located by the Selectmen is as follows to wit. Beginning at a Stake and Stones by the wall on the land of William Moore thence on said Moore's land North thirty three Degrees East Twenty three rods; thence on said Moore's land North Twelve and one half degrees East Twenty

four rods and four links; thence on said Moore's land and in land of Thomas Johnson North fifteen degrees East Fifty seven and an half rods to the existing road. The new road to be Two Rods wide on the East side of the afore described line A plan of the same is annexed hereto. All which is submitted respectfully.

For the Selectmen P. Merrick, Chairman.

Worcester April 5th 1828.

Voted to excuse Fred Wm. Paine as Highway Surveyor—also Abel Flagg. Voted to excuse Otis Corbett and Alfred D. Foster as School Committeemen.

Chose *John Flagg Highway Surveyor.

" Erastus Wheaton Field Driver. Art. 4[1] Postponed.

Voted that all articles not acted upon in the warrant be postponed to the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to 19th Instant at 3 of the Clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held at the Town-Hall April 19th 1828 by adjournment from March last The following Votes were passed and Officers chosen.

Chose Benja. Butman High Way Surveyor.

" Enoch Flagg, Lewis Barnard, Lewis Chapin, Daniel Stone & Saml. Allen Jr. Committee on the subject of dividing the Tatnick School District and to report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to Reconsider the vote which pass'd to choose five School Committeemen and Voted to have seven.

Chose Isaac Davis, Chris. C. Baldwin School Committee.

Voted to postpone the choice of two School Committeemen.

Chose Saml. Perry Field-Driver.

" Nathl. Eaton Pound Keeper.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May next at 3 of the clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

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[1] To place Wadsworth's platform scales in the bank east of South Meeting House. * Sworn.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Elections held at the Town-Hall on Monday the 5th of May 1828 for the choice of a Representative or representative[s] to represent the Town in the General Court the current year. 1st Voted to be represented. 2 Voted to choose Three Representatives. Chose Otis Corbett, William Eaton, Rejoice Newton For Representatives.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs held at the Town Hall May 5th 1828 the following was the business of said meeting.

1st Chose Thomas Chamberlain Moderator.

4th article in the warrant Chose John M. Earle, Ephraim Moore, Wm. B. Fox Committee to see if another School-house is necessary in District No. 2 to report at the adjournment.

[5th article. In reference to accepting roads.]

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Saturday next at 4 of the Clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held at the Town Hall 5th of May 1828 by adjournment from 3d of March April 7th & 19th the following votes were passed.

Chose by written ballots Thos. Chamberlain Moderator pro tem. to preside at said meeting.

Voted to raise the sum of Three Thousand Dollars to Repair the Public Roads and Bridges in town the current year and that it be expended in the same way and manner as last year.

Voted to raise Twenty-seven Hundred Dollars to support the Public Schools in Town the current year, and that it be expended in the same way and manner as last year.

Voted to excuse Benja. Butman as Highway Surveyor and in his stead Chose Nathan Heary H. W. Surveyor.

The Selectmen Report that Luther Johnson & Sewall Rice have satisfactorily settled their Highway accounts Pliny Merrick.

Chose Rev. Jonathan Going, Rev. L. I. Hoadley, School-Committee.

7th Art. Voted to dismiss it. [Proportion of highway money to be laid out in the Centre District.]

Voted to recommit the subject of a new Burial Ground to same committee as were first chosen.

Chose *Luther Burnett Jr. Saml. Wiswall, Saml. Allen Jr. Field Drivers.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to agree with the Messrs. Goddard to enlarge the Engine house Expense not to exceed $50.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Saturday next and also the April meeting, the first at 3 and the last, at 5 of the clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held at the Town Hall May 10th 1828 by adjournment from the 5th Instant the following votes were passed being an adjournment of March meeting 1828.

6th article [in reference to removal of obstructions in highways] Voted to dismiss said article.

Voted to raise and assess the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred & sixty Dollars upon the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town and that it be expended as recommended by the Committee of Estimates.

Voted to Choose 4 Constables for the year ensuing. Chose *John F. Clark, *Luther Burnett, *Joseph Lovell, Wm. Chamberlain also Collector of Taxes and that he receive 2¾ Cents for Commission.

Voted to dismiss the Committee on the new burial Ground.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase a lot of land of Samuel Hathaway not to exceed $100, per acre and to purchase not more than 8 acres and to give security in behalf of said town.

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to fence the new burial Ground if purchased.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee in settlement with Town Treasurer.

Voted to raise Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars to Erect a School-House in District No. 11 and chose Thos. Chamberlain, John Ranks and Willard Moore to build said School House.

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*Sworn.

Voted to accept at this meeting the following report with the exception of one item.

The Committee appointed to make an estimate of such sums of money as will be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the current year, have attended to the duty assigned them and now Report

For paying the Keeper of the Poor establishment and defraying expenses of said establishment	$800,00
Compensation to the Collector Treasurer assessors and abatements of Taxes	$500,00
For support of David Flagg & Asenath Walker at the House of Correction	$150,00
Contingent expences of the town	250,00
For paying for a Road from Jos. Patch's to the Tatnick road	250,00
for paying for the road to Paul Shepards	150,00
Repair of Bridges the last year over and above the Highway Taxes for which payments have been made about	160,00
Two Instalments of the past and present year of 500 Dollars each and the Interest of the Town debt over & above the probable payment of Interest and Principal on the Town Bonds about	500,00
Debt due Ed. D. Bangs about	80,00
Payments made to Highway Surveyors for year 1826 for which no appropriation has heretofore been made about	120,00
Which is respectfully submitted	2960,00

John Gleason
Benj^{a}. Butman } Committee
Silas Brooks } of Estimates

The Committee appointed to settle with the Town Treasurer, with the Selectmen and to report at this meeting now Report That having called on the Treasurer for that purpose, they were informed by him that he was not ready for the Settlement, not having made his settlement with the Collector.

A majority of the Committee have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, which they found regularly kept and easily to be understood. The Selectmen have credited the Town with monies receiv'd by them during the past year, amounting to the sum of $1603,70 and have charged the town with the payment of various sums, amounting to the sum of $1515,48 leaving a ballance in their hands of $88,12.

The receipts include the payments made during the year on the Town-Bonds; all which payments as the Committee ascertained

by an examination of the Bonds; were duly credited. They include also the proceeds of the Town Farm—though the Committee have no means of ascertaining what those proceeds actually are or whether they are accurately accounted for, otherwise than by entries, made from time to time, by the Selectmen, of monies paid over to them by the Superintendent of the farm. They have no doubt that the monies so paid over are fully accounted for by the Selectmen. It would be desirable however that some system of accountability might be devised whereby it might be seen whether full and accurate accounts are rendered to the Selectmen of the proceeds of the Town-farm. The Committee however, have no reason to believe that there has been any failure to render such accounts during the past year. They only suggest what seems to them to be necessary to make the annual examination of the accounts of the Town, what it ought to be, a full exposition of its pecuniary affairs.

With regard to the Town-Bonds the Committee would remark that on several of them, no recent payments of Interest have been made; and that (with a trifling exception) there has been no payment of principal during the year.

A considerable part of the sum charged by the Selectmen as paid during the year; viz the sum of $830 is for money paid to M^r^. Bowditch on the Notes given by the Town. For this item no voucher was produced, Mr. Bowditch having declined as the Committee were informed giving a Receipt for the money paid. The Selectmen will however procure evidence of the payment and of the endorsement of it on the Notes if necessary. It is certainly desirable that there should be vouchers for all such payments as are from the case, susceptable of such evidence. With the exception of that sum, and various small sums charged as given to transient poor persons, and to individuals among the poor of the town, as gratuitous and for holiday expences (the latter charges amounting to seven or eight dollars) the Committee find the payments charged to be well vouched.

There is also, in the hands of the Selectmen the sum of $76,35 received by them for Licences granted for Public Exhibitions. or Shows. Of this sum $56,35 were paid over to them by the former Selectmen and $20, have been received during the past year. This is a seperate fund for the benefit of the Poor, & no part of it has been expended during the year.

It will be understood that the accounts of the Selectmen, thus examined by the Committee, include a comparatively small portion of the expenditures of the Town. They are merely the Cash accounts of the Selectmen, having reference only to the money

which actually passes through their hands. Of course this Report can furnish no explanation as to the expenditure of the various, and large sums granted for the support of schools and for other purposes. The Committee however cannot avoid remarking that it seems highly desirable that the annual examination of the Town accounts should extend to all the expenditures of the Town. That there should be somewhere kept an account current, on which should appear, on one side, the sums granted & assessed by the Town for all purposes; and on the other, a particular specification of all the expenditures for the purposes which these sums were granted; so that every Citizen might be able, by the examination of a single document, to understand all the pecuniary transactions of the Town, & to judge as to the expediency of like appropriations and expenditures for the future.

All which is respectfully submitted for the Committee

Worcester April 7th 1828 — Austin Denny

Dr. The Town of Worcester in acct Current with James Wilson Treasurer of said town for the year 1827

1827
May — To payment of the following Orders

No 1	Pliny Merrick	540,50	31	Thomas B. Eaton	37,50
2	Sarah Graves	60,67	32	Benson C. Baldwin	231,
3	Samuel Graves	54,95	33	Benja. Flagg	163,74
4	Ephraim Bailey	3,	34	Jeremiah Harrington	102,56
5	T. & J. Sutton	25,62	35	Mary Coes	20,
6	Joseph Swett	3,51	36	Benja. N. Child	2,
7	Erastus Wheaton	3	37	Leonard Worcester	137,50
8	Abner Harlow	9,34	38	Lewis & Fisher	2,
9	Henry W. Miller	48,93	39	William C. Hunneman	750,
10	George T. Rice	13,	40	Timothy W. Bancroft	3,
		762,55			1449,30
11	Paul Shepard & Thomas Nichols Jr.	31			$3626,33
12	Col Saml. Ward	14,50	41	Alpheus Merrifield	464,46
13	Oliver H. Blood	4,25	42	Lewis Chapin	84,90
14	Saml M. Burnside Esq.	764,52	43	Francis Grout	119,91
15	Luke N. Perry	4,	44	Samuel Putnam	27,60
16	Oliver Wetherby	22,58	45	Daniel Stone	169,21
17	Uriah Stone	15,	46	Joseph Daniels	66,96
18	John Gleason Jr.	103,12	47	Jabez Rice	122,65
19	Henry Goulding &		48	John Flagg	63,80

	Jos. Fisher	26,	49	Samuel Stowell	13,52
20	Joel Gleason	137,26	50	Smith & Western	23,92
		1122,23			1156,93
21	Benj[a]. B. Tucker	4,17	51	Levi Smith	50,47
22	Thomas B. Eaton	21,50	52	Jonathan Harrington	98,
23	Ashael Bellows	51,	53	J. & T. Sutton	7
24	Sam[l]. Harrington J[r].	41,70	54	Lewis Bigelow	90,97
25	Col. John W. Lincoln	15,54	55	Benj[a]. Chapin	81,10
26	Amos R. Black	9,50	56	Sam[l]. Congdon	21,85
27	Thos. Chamberlain	9,45	57	Levi Howe	37,25
28	Arthur Adlington	19,92	58	John Gleason J[r].	45,75
29	Benson C. Baldwin	100,	59	John Gleason J[r].	627,31
30	John Gleason J[r].	19,47	60	Sam[l]. Graves	284,44
		292,25			1344,14
		Treasurer's Commission the past year			50
					6177,40

May 3 Amount of Taxes in the hands of M[r].
John Gleason J[r]. uncollected 6937,95
Amount of Cash in the Treasury 171,36

6409,31 6409,31

$12586,71

C[r]. 1827

May By ballance of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason J[r]. Collector of taxes for the year 1825 & 1826 $4844,97 also Cash remaining in the Treasury this day $1089,56 in the whole amounting to $5934,53 agreeable to the report of the town's Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer 5934,53

1827 May 1 By Cash of Russell Eaton his Exemption from Militia duty

Stephen R. Tenny	2	Eli Fairbanks	2
Asa Gates	2	Ebenezer Gates	2
Jubal Wheelock	2	Ebenezer Gould	2

July 23 By Assessors Certificate of Taxes for the year 1827 Committed to John Gleason J[r]. Collector and charged by me to him 6638,50 $12586,70

Worcester May 10th 1828 The Committee of the Town appointed to settle with the Treasurer have this day examined the

foregoing Accounts and find them correctly stated and well vouched —the amount of Cash credited as in the Treasury, being $171,36 And the amount of Taxes in the hands of the Collector uncollected being $6237,95. Austin Denny for the Committee and in the absence of the other members of it.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

The Committee to whom was refered the subject of incumbrances upon the Roads in said town have attended to the business of their appointment and beg leave to report That they have refered to Records to ascertain the original width of the different roads in the town of Worcester, & have relied on the Field Book of the late surveys taken by order of the town for their present width.

Beginning on the Maine Street by Judge Paine's the road is of proper width to the house of Samuel Allen Esq. at the east end of which the road is 5 inches too narrow the fence in front of his house is 3 feet 7 inches within the road at the barrs of Nathl. Maccarty Esq. on top of the hill the road is 7 links too narrow— at the end of Rejoice Newton's south barn 5 links too narrow— at a corner of land between Capt M'Farland & Capt Blair—on the North side of the road Capt Blairs corner is about 11 links within the road.

In the hollow East of M^{r}. John Moores house the land on both sides belonging to Capt Blair, the road varies from 5 to 14 links too narrow. The corner of M^{r}. W^{m}. Moores house is 11 links in the road—The fence East of Thomas Johnsons house varies from 10 to 20 links in the road—The wall opposite Levi Gates' house is in the road. The whole offset in the wall of the widow Peter Goulding is in the road—The woodhouse belonging to the estate of Clark Johnson is 20 links in the road and the road against the house of said estate is 8 links too narrow and continues too narrow to a corner of Benj^{a}. Flaggs barn—from the blacksmith shop near M^{r}. Flaggs, past M^{r}. Mann's shop about 8 links too narrow. North of the Brook M^{r}. Benj^{a}. Flaggs fence projects 13 links into the road. Road from foot of Tatnick hill to Holden is laid two rods wide. Doct Paines wall in one place 4 links in the road. Daniel Cooks fence, in a bend in a hollow 7 links in the road—On land lately belonging to the estate of Saml. Flagg deceas'd the fence is all in the road some places not less than half a rod.

Road by David Days mill to Leicester two rods wide Near the house of the widow Clark Johnson 7 links too narrow and dangerous ought to be widened and railed on both sides. East of Ebenezer Gates house, in his land 4 links too narrow.

The Virginia fence of Jonas Johnson generally in the road & a part 15 links—A corner of Capt Lewis Barnards wall opposite M^r. Fowles 3 links in the road. Isaac Sylvesters garden fence 7 links in the road. On land of the heirs of Nathan Green near Leicester line 9 links too narrow. Road to Jonas Johnsons Two rods wide Generally too narrow in some places 18 links. Road to Mr. John Ranks 2 rods The South end on land of W^m. Moore too narrow Mr. Thomas Johnsons Virginia fence in the road.

Road from Tatnick road to Willard Moores laid two rods—From Willard Moores house across his land, from 8 to 15 links too narrow and too narrow most of the way to Francis Flaggs house 3 links too narrow across Mr. Blairs land.

Joseph Patch's Road is 2 rods. West of Mr. Patches house 3 links too narrow East of his house for a considerable distance too narrow and part of the way by 17 links the garden fence by the house of Hepsy Hemenway projects 17 links into the road.

Road from New Worcester over Raccoon plain to Ward 3 rods. The barn lately owned by H. G. Henshaw is one foot within the road the fence in the land of said Henshaws is generally within the road and in some places the road is only 1½ rods wide.

Road from Worcester to Leicester 4 rods The wall in front of Mr. Hovey's one rod in the road—Shop of Alpheus Eaton from 13 to 16 links in the road—road at Ephraim Mower's house 4 links too narrow at a bend south of Henry Heywoods barn 11 links too narrow at a bend a little North of the Philip Donahue's house 17 links too narrow—at the North end of a wall a little south of Charles Stearns' house 4 links too narrow at the South end of the same wall 10 links too narrow. Hay Scales opposite the Stearns tavern are 20 links in the road from the bridge to Mr. Cutting's house the road varies from 22 to 30 links too narrow. From the top of the hill North East of Jones tavern to Jones' in places 13 links too narrow Front of Rockwoods barn is 9 links & his fence 13 links within the road.

New County Road from Jones' to Leicester 4 rods. The Northwest corner of Mr. Jones barn a very little in road. From the west end of Mr. Jones wall on top of the hill to the barn of Andrew Adams the road is found too narrow.

Road from Worcester Stafford Turnpike to the Oxford road. North of the house belonging to the estate of the late Dea. Nathan Heard the road is six links too narrow and South of the house to the foot of the hill 10 links too narrow.

Road by Dea Trowbridges 3 rods From Dea. Trowbridges house Northerly from 10 to 36 links too narrow, whenever fenced, all the way to Blackstone River.

Road from Miss Waters to the Ward Road 3 rods. From the bridge below Flaggs mill to the Ward road narrow by from 6 to 9 links. Ward Road by Israel Whitneys 3 rods From the beginning of the road to Israel Whitneys all the way too narrow by from 10 to 30 links—from Whitneys to the New Worcester road from 15 to 20 links too narrow—from the bridge near Whites mills to Nathan Whites house 23 to 31 links too narrow, from near James Elders to Ward line from 8 to 39 links too narrow.

Road over Bogachoag Hill 2 rods South of Henry Patches place 3 links too narrow for some distance, the remainder of the way sufficient width Road to Ephraim Curtis 2 rods All the way sufficient width. Road from Ward by Timothy Tafts South west of Tafts house from 1 to 6 links too narrow. Road from Millbury to Worcester by E. Burbanks 3 rods.

On the Southerly part of Jos. Goddards land 3 links too narrow from near Goddards house to Tatmans land from 2 to 8 links too narrow, from Tafts road through Tatman's land from 11 to 19 links too narrow—Through Nathan Perrys land 17 to 22 links too narrow—Through Elijah Burbank's land from 6 to 16 links too narrow at the barn of Mr. Burbanks 16 links too narrow from the bridge to the house of J. W. Lincoln from 5 to 10 links too narrow—from Isaac Bartletts to Dea. Perrys from 5 to 20 links too narrow from the head of sheep lane to Capt Bigelows house from 3 to 14 links too narrow. Sheep lane is laid out 2 rods. It is only 1½ rods wide its whole length.

Road from near Paul Gates by Doct Heywood's house is 3 rods Near the junction with Millbury road 7 links too narrow. Road by Nath[l] Stowells land uniformly 4 links too narrow.

Road from Reuben Munroe's to Millbury 3 rods. From Munroes house through his land from 5 to 19 links too narrow—opposite Benja. Whites house 19 links too narrow—opposite John & Abel Flaggs house 8 links too narrow—by the barn of the late Stephen Heywood 3 links too narrow. Road to Grafton 3 rods. At the bend by the Distillery ½ rod too narrow on the South West side from Trumbull & Wards house to the Brewery 6 links too narrow from the brewery to the house of Silas Harrington Jr. from 5 to 6 links too narrow from Harringtons to G. A. Trumbulls farm 12 to 13 links too narrow—from Trumbulls to bend in the road 9&11 links too narrow. Clark Willingtons fence from 1 to 24 links in the road at Daniel Stearns barn yard the wall on the West side of the road is 4 links in the road—East of Stearns house, road 9 links too narrow. North & opposite R. Munroes house 8 links too narrow, thence to the school house from 7 to

9 links too narrow. road on top of the Harringtons hill at Luke Randalls and from 12 to 17 links too narrow—from Harrington's house to Randalls from 7 to 17 links too narrow—from Westboro' road to Grafton line all the way, where fenced, too narrow, by from 9 to 32 links, and very much incumbered.

Road to Grafton Gore Benja. Newtons house 6 links in the road. Road by Daniel Stearns' old house 2 rods From 2 to 5 links too narrow where fenced. Old road back of Clark Willington's From 10 to 14 links too narrow. Cross road down the hill 3 links too narrow. Road by Aaron Flaggs From the cross road north to the bend 4 links too narrow. Road by William Eaton Jrs. From 5 to 18 links too narrow. Road by Russell Eaton's house From 7 to 15 links too narrow.

Pine Meadow Road—3 rods. From the school house to Russell Eatons road from 1 to 17 links too narrow—Corner of Capt. Thomas' near Summer Street is 10 links in the road. Summer Street—3 rods. From the North side of the house lately occupied by A. Adlington to the south side of the County land the fences are not on a line & in some places project into the road on the East side making short nooks—General Heards wall at the hill is 10 links in the road.

School Street—2 rods. Too narrow from the bridge to Summer Street. Thomas Street—40 feet. As it was laid out. Road from the school down, across the Turnpike by Maj. Burts farm to the Shrewsbury old road—3 rods. Road from the School house to Joel Gates generally about 5 links too narrow and in one place where a new[ ]has been made on the east side at a bend in the road it is from 10 to 14 links in the road—from the North line of Maj. Burts land to Mrs. Braggs place the road varies from one half rod to a rod too narrow. Shrewsbury Road by the North end of Long Pond 4 rods. From Shrewsbury line through the towns land generally from 7 to 10 links too narrow—from Capt Barnards house to the new road across the meadow from 5 to 22 links too narrow and in one place only about half its proper width.

Wm. E. Green's Road. Through Doct Paines land from 4 to 13 links too narrow—the wall lately built by George W. Brooks was set 5 links in the road through Mr. Greens land too narrow from 5 to 19 links. Shrewsbury Road from the old Chadwick house to the Gaol 4 rods North of Wm. Lincoln's barn 2 links too narrow—opposite his house 2 links too narrrow—opposite his old office building 5 links too narrow at Mr. Silas Bigelows house 5 links too narrow—at Miss Whitneys house 7 links too narrow at the Brown Tavern lot 7 links too narrow.

Road from the towns farm to Shrewsbury line towards Boylston —Laid out 3 rods wide but most of the way too narrow being generally less than two rods wide. Road from the tavern house in the N. E. part of the [farm?] occupied by Harmon Chamberlain to West Boylston—laid out two rods wide, but most of the way too narrow—being generally less than two rods wide, and found from 2 to 19 links too narrow.

Road from Benja. Thayers to Col Mowers laid two rods wide and is of that width, except a short way at the North end which is 9 links too narrow. Road from guide post near Maynard's shop past Col. Mowers 3 rods opposite Blacksmiths shop 24 links too narrow a little North of the Turnpike 14 links too narrow—between Col. Mowers & the Andrews farm 4 to 14 links too narrow. Col. Mowers fence opposite the road from B. Thayers from 5 to 15 links in the road a little south of Col. Mowers barn his walls 14 links too near each other opposite Col. Mower's house 6 links too narrow. a little south of barn 14 links too narrow—a little North of his house 4 links too narrow.

Road from West Boylston over burncoat plain 3 rods North of the late Abijah Pierce's house from 4 to 7 links too narrow opposite said house 20 links too narrow Southerly of the house on a bridge opposite to Mr. Brighams land 28 links too narrow. opposite Brighams barn & house 20 links too narrow. against Mr. Maynards house from 4 to 21 links too narrow—South of said shop between the lands of Messrs. Brigham & Moore 25 links too narrow. at a [ ] North of Jonathan Knights house 6 links too narrow—From Reuben Gleasons to S. A. Whites from 5 to 7 links too narrow, a little North of Isaac Gleasons from 7 to 13 links too narrow near James Gleasons house his wall is 4 links in the road North of the school house.

Barnards wall is 5 links in the road. Road across by Doct. Paines Mill farm 3 rods. Near Doct. Paines farm house & barn 7 links too narrow East of the bridge near the mill 10 links too narrow and thence to Doct Paines East line 8 links too narrow on the top of the hill between Capt Barnards lands from 13 to 23 links too narrow a wall lately set being 10 links within the line of the old one near Capt Barnards buildings from 10 to 23 links too narrow—Between Capt Barnards new house and the Boylston road 6 links too narrow.

Cross Road from John H. Knights to the turnpike 2 rods. Between the lands of J. H. Knights & Paul Goodale from 3 to 7 links too narrow—between Goodales & Wm. Johnsons land from 12 to 15 links too narrow—between Johnsons & the Ezekiel Partridge estate from 2 to 13 links too narrow—between Partridge & Slo-

combs land from 4 to 8 links too narrow at Slocombs N. E. Corner—between him and Daniel Heywood 4 links too narrow at the sawmill of Partridge 20 links too narrow—East of said mill between the lands of Cyrus Lovell from 7 to 9 links too narrow—near the turnpike between Lovells walls 6 links too narrow.

Road from Turnpike to West Boylston road near Jonathan Knights 2 rods—A few rods south of the turnpike 22 links too narrow further south between two wooden fences varies from 9 to 15 links too narrow.

Road from Turnpike by Benja. Thayers, Barbers, Stowells & to Worcester 2 rods Near Eph^{m}. Drurys 5 links too narrow—near the end of Silas Brooks line at a bend in the road 2 links too narrow—at a pair of barrs on the West side of the road in land of Wm. & Silas Barber 5 links too narrow—near said Barbers house northerly 5 links too narrow—from the bridge to Saml. Stowells barn from 2 to 4 links in the road—about two rods of Doct. Paines wall near the mill road 4 links in the road—near Daniel Chadwicks, south and between lands of Stephen Salisbury 4 links too narrow—a short distance between Mr. Salisbury & Elnathan Pratt 5 links too narrow. Cross Road from Barber road by Jonathan Gleason Jr. to near Mr. Thaxters—2 rods.

From bridge West of Widow Smith to her house from 5 to 11 links too narrow. West of her house near a pair of bars 9 links too narrow West of J. Gleason Jr. against his land 4 to 6 links too narrow in several places—between lands of Messrs. Daniels & Thaxter from 3 to 20 links narrow the whole distance.

Cross Road from near Daniel Chadwicks to Saml. Mills—2 rods. Less than 2 rods wide the whole distance from 2 to 10 links. Town road from Holden road near S. Salisbury by the house lately occupied by Thomas Tyler 2 rods. From Holden road to the Tyler house from 2 to 3 links too narrow rest of the way sufficient width. Road by Saml. Mills to Holden 3 rods At Pratts house 9 & 10 links too narrow from his house to Theophilus Wheelers new house generally too narrow from 1 to 13 links From Mr. Wheelers new barn to his farm house, between his land & Judge Paines the road is from 12 to 25 links too narrow from Mr. Wheelers farm and though Mr. Mills farm too narrow by from 15 to 25 links—between Saml. Mills & Daniel Chadwick from 15 to 21 links too narrow—between I. J. Nelson & Amos Whitney from 2 to 8 links too narrow—between Whitney & the Reads from 1 to 23 links too narrow from Benja. to Saml. T. Reads in some places too narrow by 12 links from S. T. Reads to Mr. Thaxters land 20 to 26 links too narrow—South & opposite Mr. Thaxters house 6 & 7 links too narrow thence to Elisha Smiths

from 20 to 26 links too narrow—thence to the end of Thaxters land between his & E. Smiths land from 15 to 31 links too narrow thence to Jos. Daniels house from 15 to 30 links too narrow from Mr. Daniels barn to Holden line from 6 to 30 links too narrow.

Road over Winter Hill 2 rods It is generally less than 2 rods and from the house of Gardner Johnsons to Holden line is in many places not over one rod wide in bad condition, and the passing of two teams very difficult.

Road from Holden line to Theoph. Wheelers new house by General Chamberlains—3 rods. Near Sam[l]. Goulds house 10 links too narrow. Rejoice Newtons Virginia fence South of Jos. Averys house 15 links in the road. North of Thos. Nichols house at Mr. Ranks land the road 15 links too narrow—South of Nichols house between his new walls 7 links too narrow from Nichols land to the house of Wm. McFarland (Mr. McFarland owning on both sides of the road) the road is from 12 to 32 links too narrow. S. E. of Mr. McFarlands house from 10 to 26 links too narrow—between Willard Moore on one side & John Chadwick on the other generally 7 links too narrow—From Mr. Moores through Mr. Chadwicks land from 1 to 7 links too narrow—through the late Col. Childs farm some short places too narrow by from 2 to 7 links The rail fence of Theoph. Wheeler Esq. opposite to Benja. N. Childs' land from 11 to 27 links in the road.

Maine Street 6 rods. Your Committee are not able from the Survey by which they have been governed, to report so definitely on this road as they would wish. They learn however from the survey, that from the store late of the Hon. A. Lincoln deceas'd to near Mr. Lovells tavern the road is of sufficient width, from the last mentioned place to the brick hotel kept by Mr. Worthington, the Street generally diminishes in width till it is reduced to 4 rods and 3 links between the Hotel and Mr. Heywoods store—in this distance there is no place except between the Bank & Capt. Hamilton's store which is six rods wide—some of the fences & buildings obtrude more than others and some of them it would be difficult to remove but much may be done in time by the constant watchfulness of the Selectmen and highway surveyors.

Your Committee advise that the town pass a vote that the Highway Surveyors for the time being under the advice of the Selectmen, be directed to remove or cause to be removed all incumbrances from the Highways & Town-ways in the town of Worcester so soon as they can be removed without great and disproportionate expense or loss to the town or individuals.

August 30th 1828. Rejoice Newton, per order.

Voted August 30th 1828 That the above report be put on file only, to be acted upon at the next town meeting and recorded by mistake of the Clerk. Attest B. Chapin Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held at the Town Hall on the 30th of August 1828 the following votes were passed viz.

1st Chose Pliny Merrick Moderator.

2 Voted to pass over the article in relation to a road petitioned for by Daniel Knowlton.

3 Voted to make no opposition to the road petitioned for by Lewis Bigelow & others.

4 Voted that the Town Agent appear before the County-Commissioners and act his discretion in relation to the Road petitioned for by David Wilkinson and others and the Agent to report to the Selectmen & Town if necessary.

5 Voted that a Committee be chosen to oppose the road petitioned for by John Green & others Chose Saml. M. Burnside, Enoch Flagg, Silas Brooks, Rejoice Newton, Ephraim Mower.

Voted to reconsider the vote in relation to the road petitioned for by Lewis Bigelow & others & that it be refered to the above Committee.

4 Art Voted that a Committee be chosen to act on that article and to report forthwith. [In reference to repairing of Main st., etc.] Chose Rejoice Newton, Gen. Thos. Chamberlain, Silas Brooks, Nathan Heard, John Flagg and Saml. Allen Jr. for said committee.

Voted that the sum of Sixteen Hundred Dollars be granted and that it be raised and assessed upon the polls & estates of the Inhabitants of the town and that it be paid into the Treasury to repair the road on Maine Street in said town.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to borrow money in behalf of the town to repair Maine Street.

Voted that the Highway Surveyor of the Centre District shall be advised by the Selectmen in the expenditure of the money above granted.

Chose Maj. John Davis, Saml. M. Burnside, Otis Corbett In relation to Bye-Laws.

Voted that a Committee be chosen to take the whole subject into consideration in relation to returning the Engine bought of Mr. Hunneman and to purchase another Engine with power to

act definitely on that subject. Chose Selectmen, Calvin Willard, Charles Allen, John M. Earle, Dr. John Green, Nathan Heard, Committee In relation to Engine 4—with power to draw on the Treasury to defray the expence.

Voted to refer the subject of Engine Houses to the above Committee with like power. Voted that the Committee have power to draw upon the Treasury for all monies necessary to effect the objects upon which they may act in relation to Engines & Engine Houses.

Voted that the Report of the Committee in relation to obstructions in the Highways be put on file and be acted upon at the next town meeting. Said Report is recorded previous to this by mistake.

Voted That the following Bye Laws be made and agreed upon for the directing and ordering of the affairs of the Town therein mentioned.

1st If any person shall drive any horse, cattle, cart or any wheel carriage of burden or pleasure, or wheel any wheel barrow, or suffer or allow any horse, cattle, cart, wheel carriage or wheel barrow to be on the foot or side walks of any of the Streets in the town of Worcester in which foot or side walks shall be made, or determined upon as hereafter mentioned, such person shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of one Dollar to the use of the owner of the adjoining land; provided that this ordinance shall not apply to any person driving or passing to or from the travelled parts of the highway directly to or from the yard or yards adjoining the foot or side walk.

2d. The foot or sidewalks within the meaning of the ordinance shall be such part of the highway as is within the Curb Stones thereof in all places where the same are paved with brick or stones; and also such parts of said highway as shall be specifically determined upon as and for foot or side walks by the Selectmen, whenever such determination shall be recorded by the Town Clerk in the Book of the Town Records.

3d If any person shall tie any horse cattle or team to any of the trees planted in any public highway or Street of the town for shade & ornament or to any Iron or fence put up for the protection of said Trees he shall forfeit not less than one Dollar nor more than Ten Dollats to the use of the person in front of whose estate the tree shall stand where the offence is committed.

4th No person shall hereafter saw any firewood or pile the same upon the side or foot walks of any of the Streets of the Town; and no person shall stand on any such foot or sidewalk with his

wood saw or horse to the hinderance or obstruction of any foot passenger—under penalty of one Dollar for each offence to the use of any person who may sue the same.

5 No person Driving any carriage or any beast or beasts harnessed thereto, or riding after any horse mare or other beast in or through any of the public Streets or highways in the Town, shall suffer the said horse gelding or other beast to go in an immoderate gait so as to endanger persons standing or passing in said street—And any person or persons offending herein shall forfeit and pay for each offence a sum not less than one Dollar nor more than five Dollars to the use of any person who shall sue for the same.

All the penalties except the two last mentioned shall be paid for & recovered in the name of the person who may be surveyor of the highway of the District within which the offence was committed at the time of the commission of the offence.

Voted that all Bye Laws passed by the Town and duly approved shall be published in all the public Newspapers printed in the Town, and one Copy shall be posted in the Town Hall.

Voted that the Town Agent be directed to lay the Bye Laws now passed by the Town before the County-Commissioners for their approbation.

A true Copy and Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, in the County of Worcester, qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court holden on the first Monday of November 1828 for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.

The whole number of votes given in were receiv'd, sorted, counted and declar'd, record thereof made in open town-meeting, as directed by the act pass'd June 11th 1828 and were for the following persons.

Electors at Large. His Hon. Thos. L. Winthrop of Boston 157 Samuel Lathrop of Springfield 157 Nathan Willis of Berkshire District 23 David Henshaw of Suffolk Dis. 23.

Electors for Suffolk District. Hon. Jesse Putnam of Boston 157 John K. Simpson of Do. 23.

Electors for Essex South District. Hon. Stephen White of Salem 157 Col. Josiah Newhall of Lynnfield 23.

Electors for Essex North District. Hon. Bailey Bartlett of Haverhill 157 John Bliss Esq. of Methuen 23.

Electors for Middlesex District. Hon. Nathan Chandler of Lexington 157 Hon. William Austin of Charlestown 23.

Electors for Worcester South District. Gen. Jonathan Davis of Oxford 157 Hon. Jonas Sibley of Sutton 23.

Electors for Worcester North District. Hon. Silas Holman of Bolton 157 William Willard Esq of Lancaster 23.

Electors for Franklin District. Col. Elice Gilbert of Greenfield 157 John Drury Esq. of Coleraine 23.

Electors for Hampden District. Hon. John Frost of Springfield 157 Gen. Joseph M. Forward of Southwick 23.

Electors for Berkshire District. Sam[l]. Jones Esq. of Stockbridge 157 Hon. Phinehas Allen of Pittsfield 23.

Electors for Norfolk District. Hon. Edward H. Robbins of Milton 157 Hon. Ebenezer Seaver of Roxbury 23.

Electors for Plymouth District. Hon. Seth Sprague of Duxbury 157 Hon. Peter H. Pierce of Middleboro' 23.

Electors for Bristol District. Hon. Oliver Starkweather of Pawtucket 157 Elisha Daggett Esq. of Middleboro' 23.

Electors of Barnstable District. Hon. Braddock Dimmock of Falmouth 157 John P. Norton Esq. of Tisbury 23.

Attest Benj[a] Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Elections, held at the Town-Hall on the 3[d] of Nov. 1828 for the choice of a person to represent them in the 21th Congress of the United States for the Worcester South District, the whole number of votes were for the Hon. John Davis of Worcester, being one hundred and fifty-two.

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Elections and town-affairs, held at the Town Hall on the second day of March AD. 1829 for the choice of Town Officers and other purposes as expressed in the warrant. The following persons were duly chosen into office as attached to their names. Also the following votes were pass'd to wit.

1 The meeting was opened by the Town Clerk.

2 Chose Pliny Merrick Moderator.

3 Benjamin Chapin Town Clerk, Sworn March 2d by Pliny Merrick Esq.

Voted to choose five Selectmen.

*Pliny Merrick, *Thos. Chamberlain, *Benja. Butman, *Alpheus Merrifield, *Lewis Chapin.

Voted to Choose three Assessors. Chose John Gleason Jr. Assessor; but Mr. Gleason declined serving in that office, and was excused. Silas Brooks excus'd.

*Fred. W. Paine, *Thos. Chamberlain, Assessors.

Voted not to choose a Town-Treasurer until the adjournment of this meeting. Voted to adjourn this meeting to Two of the Clock this afternoon. Adjourned Accordingly.

Attest Benja. Chapin Town Clerk

Met agreeable to the adjournment.

Chose John Gleason Jr., Silas Brooks, Pliny Merrick, Committee of Estimate.

Chose Pliny Merrick, Town Agent.

*John F. Clark, Luther Burnett Jr. Clerks of the Market.

Chose Rejoice Newton, Enoch Flagg, Daniel G. Wheeler, Committee to settle with Town Treasurer. Voted that the above Committee be directed to settle the accounts of the School Committee and all other Officers of the town who have been intrusted with the Monies of the town, excepting only those, with respect to whom a different provision has been made.

Paul Shepard, Surveyor of Hoops & Staves.

Alpheus Merrifield, Walter R. Bigelow, Surveyors of Lumber.

Luther Burnett Jr. Caleb Newcomb, *George Perrin, *James Green, Nathan Heard, *Henry Wheeler, *Simeon Gleason, *Daniel Stone, *John Barnard Jr. Surveyors of Wood & Bark.

John Gleason Jr. *Samuel Perry, Elijah Flagg, Asa Gates, Uriel Johnson, Fence-Viewers.

Ebenezer Gates, Col. Artemas Ward, Luther White, George W. Mower, *Jonas Hartshorn, Hog-Reeves and Field-Drivers.

Fred W. Paine, Nathan Heard, George T.Rice, Joseph Lovell, Rejoice Newton, Emory Washburn, Saml. Hathaway, John F. Clark, Lewis Bigelow, Fire-Wards.

Nathan Heard, Uriel Johnson, *Nathl. Gates, Jonathan Harrington, *Moses Brigham, John Flagg, *Lewis Thayer, Silas Brooks

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* Sworn.

excused, Leonard Flagg, Benja. Read, †Guy S. Newton, *Jubal Wheelock, *Samuel Perry, *Thos. Chamberlain, *Benja. Flagg, Ephraim Curtis excus'd, Amos Howard, *Ebenezer Barnard, *Nathan Perry, *John Patch, High-Way-Surveyors and Collectors of High-Way-Taxes.

1 Nathan Heard	5 Samuel Perry	9 Daniel Shepard
2 Benja. Flagg	6 Reuben Munroe	10 Saml. T. Read
3 Ira Bryant	7 Ebenezer Read	11 Paul Shepard
4 William Goss	8 Silas Barber	

Prudential School Committee.

Voted that the Money for High Ways, be assessed and expended in the same manner as last year.

Voted not to choose a School Committee for examination of Schools; until the adjournment.

4th art. Voted to postpone said article [in relation to raising money for town charges].

5th art. Do. and to be committed to the Committee of Estimates [reduction of town debt].

7th art. Voted to restrain horses, cattle and Swine from running at large within the limits of the Town the ensuing year.

Voted not to choose a County Treasurer until the adjournment of this meeting.

8th art. Chose Lewis Barnard, John Gleason Jr. Nathan Heard, Ephraim Mower, Simeon Burt, Committee to report on said article at the adjournment [compensation of town officers].

9th art. Voted that the Selectmen cause one of the Bells to be rung half an hour before sunrise 12 of the clock at noon and nine at evening. Also voted that the Selectmen cause the Clocks on the Meeting houses to be repaired and duly regulated.

10 art. Chose Austin Denny, Nathl. Stowell, Isaac Goodwin, Committee to report on said article at the adjournment [to see if the treasurer should be collector and to fix the rate of discount to tax-payers]

11th art. Chose John Davis, Otis Corbett, John W. Llncoln, Committee to Report at the adjournment [town's right in a grist-mill near Elijah Burbank's].

12th art. Chose Ephraim Mower, Gardner Burbank, Rejoice Newton, Samuel Perry, Otis Corbett, Nathan Heard, Francis Grout, Committee to repart on said article at the adjournment [to enclose the Common and discontinue the roads across it].

13th art. Chose Saml. M. Burnside, Nathan Perry, Silas Brooks

*Sworn. †Affirmed.

Committee on said art. and to report at the adjournment [additional by-laws].

14th art. Chose Alpheus Merrifield, Isaac Davis and Thomas Kinnicutt Committee on said art. and to report at the adjournment [additional notices of town meetings].

15 art. Chose Thos. Chamberlain, Saml. M. Burnside, Moses Perry and John M. Earle Committee on said art. and to report at the adjournment [repairing of school houses].

16 Chose Rejoice Newton, Benja. Butman, Gardner Burbank, Ephraim Mower and Luther Burnett, Jr. Committee on said art. and to report [south line of the Common].

Voted that all articles not acted upon at this time be dispos'd of at the adjournment. Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 16th Instant at Ten of the clock A. M. Adjourn'd accordingly.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held at the Town Hall on the 16th of March AD. 1829 by adjournment from the 2d Instant the following business was transacted to wit. Met agreeable to adjournment.

Voted to excuse Mr. Silas Brooks from serving as Assessor and High-Way-Surveyor.

Chose *Silas Barber, *Clark Elder High-Way-Surveyors.

Voted to excuse Ephraim Curtis as high way surveyor.

Chose *Joseph Lovell, *Luther Burnett Jr. *John F. Clark, Levi A. Dowley, Constables.

Voted to choose seven School Committee men in the afternoon of this day.

Votes for a County Treasurer were brought in sorted and counted and were for Samuel Allen Esq. Eighty-three.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour. Adjourned accordingly. Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk.

Met agreeable to adjournment.

4th Voted to postpone said article to the adjournment.

5th art. Do. 8 art. A report was read but not accepted on file.

Voted $100, for the services of the Assessors the current year.

Chose *John Gleason Jr. Assessor.

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* Sworn.

11th art. Voted to recommit it to the same Committee and that they report at the adjournment.

Chose Charles Allen, Rev. Alonzo Hill, Isaac Goodwin, C. C. Baldwin, Wm. E. Green, Emory Washburn, Thos. Kinnicutt, School Committee.

The Committee to whom was refered the subject of the 10th article in the Warrant for this meeting Report That by an act of the Legislature, passed Feb. 15th 1816 and by a subsequent additional Act it is lawful for the Town to appoint their Treasurer, the Collector of Taxes, who will have the same powers as Collectors appointed under the Law of 1786 together with other & larger powers. The town have also a right, by the same act, to allow such rates of discount as they may determine by their vote, to all such inhabitants as shall voluntarily pay to the Treasurer the amount of their respective Taxes within 30, 60 or 120 days after the Tax bills shall have been committed to the Treasurer. In case of the appointment of the Treasurer to be the Collector, and the allowance of a discount on the payment of taxes in this manner, all taxes not paid at the expiration of the time so fixed, and all taxes on persons of doubtful Credit, even before the expiration of those times, may be collected by the Treasurer in the manner pointed out by the general law of 1786, or the Treasurer may issue his warrant against any delinquent directed to any Sheriff or Constable of the town.

The Committee have deemed it proper to give this general summary of the provisions of the Law in order that the town may more clearly understand the [ ] proposition submitted to them in the article under consideration.

The question now is whether the town will avail itself of these provisions of law. It has been long a subject of remark and of complaint among some of the inhabitants of the Town, that there is great and unnecessary and expensive delay in the collection of the Town taxes. Under the system heretofore practised, the Town have been every year sustaining a considerable loss of interest, on taxes uncollected. At the same time injustice has been suffered by all the inhabitants who pay their taxes promptly, in as much as the delay with which others have been indulged, operates in part, to increase the taxes of those who pay promptly beyond their legal proportion. The extent of the loss to the Town, and of the injustice to individuals, caused by this delay in the collection of the taxes, the Committee have not the means of readily ascertaining. By the annual statements of the accounts of the Treasurer, as reported to the Town it will be found however that the

1st of May 1826, the Ballance of Taxes for the years 1824 & 1825, then outstanding in the hands of the Collector, was $4806,03— On the 7th of May 1827, the Ballance so uncollected of the Taxes for 1825 & 1826, was $4844,97 and on the 10th of May 1828, the Ballance uncollected of the Taxes for 1826 and 1827 was $6237, 95. So great arrears of Taxes, running over from year to year, must obviously be the occation of considerable loss, not only in the way which the Committee have already suggested but probably also by the final loss of the taxes of some individuals who remove from town or become unable to pay. The Committee believe there is a prevalent desire to remedy this evil; and from the best opinion they can form of the plan suggested by the article referred to them, they are induced to recommend the adoption of it as the most efficient remedy. They think the experiment is well worth trial. It has been tried in many towns, and it is believed the result is satisfactory.

They therefore recommend that the Town adopt & pass the following votes.

1. That the Treasurer of the Town be the Collector of Taxes for the current year.

2. That every inhabitant of the Town who shall voluntarily pay the said Collector or either of his Deputies, the amount of his or her Taxes for the current year, within thirty days next after the delivery of the Tax Bills to said Collector, shall be entitled to an abatement of three per cent on said amount—or, within sixty days next after the delivery of said Tax Bills, shall be entittled to an abatement of two per cent on said amount—or within one hundred and twenty days after the delivery of said Tax bills, shall be entittled to an abatement of one per cent on said amount.

That the said Collector be required to complete the Collection of the Taxes committed to him for the Current year, on or before the Fifteenth day of February next; and on that day, as soon thereafter as he may be called on for the purpose, to settle and account with the Selectmen of the Town, or with such other officers or Committees as the Town may appoint, for the whole amount of said Taxes. And in case the said Collector shall refuse or neglect so to settle and account for said Taxes he shall not be entittled to receive any compensation for his services as Treasurer and Collector for the current year. All which is respectfully submitted

Austin Denny
Nathl. Stowell } Committee
Isaac Goodwin

Voted to accept the above report.

Chose Samuel Jennison Treasurer and Collector. Voted that the Treasurer and Collector receive One Hundred Dollars for his services the current year; and that he give satisfactory Bonds to the Selectmen for the faithfull performance of the duties of his office.

The Committee to whom was refered the 13th article of the Warrant for the annual meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, holden on Monday the second day of March current, have attended to the duty assigned them, and now present the following report:

Having examined the existing bye laws of the town, your Committee are of opinion that the following ought to be adopted in addition thereto; and be numbered immediately after those in the present code: viz.

6. If any person shall smoke a cigar or pipe in any of the Streets in School District No. 1 in said town he shall forfeit, for every such offence, the sum of one dollar to the use of any person who may sue for the same.

7. If any person shall play, at any kind of ball, drive whoops or fire crackers in any of the streets of said town he shall forfeit, for each offence, one dollar to the use of any person who shall sue for the same.

8th. If any person shall expose himself in swimming or bathing within one hour before sun rise or one hour after sundown, in any part of the Blackstone Canal within the limits of said town, or in any of the ponds, streams, or waters within said limits, in view of a dwelling house or a Street or highway, he shall forfeit, for every such offence a sum, not less than two dollars, nor more than ten dollars, according to the aggravation of the offence, to the use of any person who may sue for the same—The three penalties last mentioned, shall be received in the manner provided for in the fifth rule above stated. All which is respectfully submitted,

Saml. M. Burnside, Per order of the Committee.

The above report was read and accepted, March 16th, 1829 and the Town Agent was directed to lay the same before the County Commissioners for their approbation and if accepted by them to become a part of the bye laws of said town and promulgated as such.

12 Art. Voted not to accept the report of the Committee on said article [in regard to enclosing the Common] which is on file.

Voted to reconsider the above vote and that the subject be recommitted to the same Committee who were directed to report to the town at the adjournment of this meeting.

The Committee appointed by the town at their meeting on the first Monday in March to report at the adjournment upon the expediency of acting upon the 14th article in the warrant for said meeting, Submit the following report.

Your Committee having taken into consideration the number, variety and importance of the subjects which are generally presented to the town to be acted upon at its meetings, and the necessity that each voter should not only have had notice of each subject presented, but that he should have thought upon the same and decided in his own mind upon the course most expedient to be taken upon it, in order that hasty and inconsiderate measures may not be adopted.

Considering also the total insufficiency of the present mode of notification to effect this object—Recommend, that, in addition to the present mode of notification, the Warrant for each regular town meeting in the year, be published in the news-papers of the town, two weeks successively, immediately preceding such meeting; provided the publishers of said papers will insert the same for one dollar for each warrant so published; and if the publishers of all the papers in the town will not insert the same for such compensation, then in as many of said papers as will publish for that sum. Your Committee have consulted a number of the publishers of the News-papers, in this town who have agreed to give the warrant an insertion as aforesaid for the sum aforesaid.

All which is respectfully submitted by your committee,

Alpheus Merrifield
Isaac Davis

Worcester March 16th, 1829.

Voted to accept the above report.

15 art. Voted not to accept the report of the Committee which is on file.

16 art. Voted to postpone said article and that the Committee have leave to report at the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next at four of the Clock in the afternoon. Adjourned Accordingly.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Elections held at the Town-Hall on Monday the sixth day of April 1829 for the choice of Governor Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth and Senators for the District of Worcester County the votes were brought in to the Selectmen and by them sorted counted and declaration thereof made as directed by the Constitution and were for the following persons

For Governor	His Excellency Levi Lincoln	203
	Hon. Marcus Morton	15
	Benja. Gorham	1
	Charles Jackson	1
	Samuel Hoar	1
Lieut. Governor	His Honor Thos. L. Winthrop	207
	Nathan Willis	14

John W. Lincoln	152	Emory Washburn	1	Simeon Draper	2
David Wilder	151	Bezaleel Taft Jr.	1	Nath[l]. P. Denny	3
Samuel Mixter	147	Wm. Eaton	1	Benj[a]. Adams	2
Lovell Walker	39	Lewis Bigelow	63	Eliphalet Thorp	1
W[m]. S. Hastings	155	John Homans	15	Artemas Lee	2
Daniel Thurber	54	Jarod Weed	1	Saml. Damon	1
Joseph Thayer	56	Rufus Bullock	29	Rejoice Newton	1
John Spurr	58	Charles Allen	10	Austin Denny	1
Isaac Davis	56	Henry Prentiss	3	David K. Porter	1
Josiah Howe	66				

For Senators

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall April 6th 1829.

1st Chose Pliny Merrick Moderator.

2d The following Report was read and accepted

"We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Worcester have laid a Town-way for the use of the town as follows to wit Beginning at stake and stones in the southeast corner of the land owned by Willard Day by the highway leading from the old meeting house in Worcester to Millbury thence through land of William B. Fox Lewis Bigelow and Samuel Hathaway to the road leading from the Brewery of George A. Trumbull to Grafton one hundred and Eleven rods in the direction North Forty two degrees East and to be on the Easterly side of said line and Fifty feet wide according to a plan thereof hereunto annexed—The owners of the land over which said Road passes claim no damages for the land nor for fencing the same—Which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for acceptance & when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town-way

Dated at Worcester this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Twenty-Nine

Pliny Merrick, Thos. Chamberlain, Benja. Butman, Alpheus Merrifield, Lewis Chapin, Selectmen of Worcester.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held at the Town Hall April 6th 1829 By adjournment of March last; the following votes were passed viz.

4th art. Voted to raise Twenty-seven Hundred Dollars to support the public Schools in town the current year; and that it be appropriated in the same way and manner as last year said sum to be raised, and assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of said town.

11th art. Voted that the Committee chosen on said art. have leave to sit again, and report to the town at the adjournment.

Voted not to fence the Common. 16th art. Postponed.

Voted that all articles and things not acted upon at this time be postponed to the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Monday in May next at 4 of the clock P. M. Adjourned Accordingly

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Elections, held at the Town-Hall on the 11th of May AD. 1829 for the choice of one or more Representatives to represent said town, the present political year, in the General Court of this Commonwealth. 1st Voted to be represented.

2d Voted to choose Five Representatives. Chose William Eaton, Rejoice Newton, Benja. Chapin, Charles Allen, Fred W. Paine, Representatives. Meeting dissolved.

A true Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs held at the Town-Hall on the 11th of May 1829

Chose Pliny Merrick Moderator.

Voted to raise One Hundred and fifty Dollars to reduce the Hill in front and near the Baptist Meeting house in said town under the direction of the Selectmen.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase the Seats in the Hall belonging to the First Parish if they can be procured on reasonable terms.

The Selectmen report that they have located a town Road from the termination of the Town Road near the house of William

Eaton Jr. to the house of John Gleason Jr as the same is now fenced being of the width of two rods.

Also from the Town road near the house of Francis and Jonathan Harringtons the road leading to their dwelling houses, as the same is now fenced being of the width of two rods—also from the termination of the Town road near John & Jonathan Nelsons dwelling houses the road as now fenced to their Dwelling houses of the width of two rods.

Pliny Merrick, Thos. Chamberlaln, Alpheus Merrifield, Lewis Chapin, Selectmen of Worcester.

Worcester, May 11th, 1829.

Voted to accept the above report.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs held at the Town Hall May 11th 1829 continued by adjournment from March and April last to the present time.

1st Chose Thomas Kinnicutt one of the Committee (in stead of Maj. Enoch Flagg who has removed from town) to settle with those interested with monies of the town.

Voted to reconsider the Vote which pass'd on the 16th of March last in relation to the per centage for paying the Treasurer & Collector the Taxes and that it be six, four and two per cent.

Voted to reconsider the vote in relation to the compensation of the Treasurer & Collector.

Also voted that the Treasurer and Collector receive One Hundred and fifty Dollars for his services the current year.

A majority of the Committee (in the absence of Maj. Flagg who has removed from town) appointed to settle the accounts of the Treasurer, Selectmen, School Committees and all other officers of the town who have been intrusted with the monies of the town excepting those with respect to whom a different provision has been made—ask leave to report

That they have examined and settled the accounts of the Treasurer and find them properly stated and well vouched, and by which there appears to be in the hands of John Gleason Jr. former Collector for several years Taxes uncollected to the amount of $5437,87 and in the hands of William Chamberlain Collector

for the last year Taxes to the amount of $2603,14 and in the Treasury the further sum of $178,56 as by the Treasurer's account hereunto annexed.

We have examined and settled the accounts of the Selectmen which are properly stated and well vouched, and by which there appears to be a ballance of money in their hands amounting to $278,28 and a further sum of $100,35 which they have receiv'd as Overseers of the Poor for licenses for various exhibitions in town, and which they are obliged by law to appropriate for the comforts and conveniences of the poor.

We have attempted to settle the accounts of Gen. Nathan Heard, the Prudential Committee of School District No. 1, but owing to the manner in which the monies of the town appropriated to this District and the monies raised by the District have been blended by the Collector and Treasurer it has not been in the power of the Prudential Committee of the District to render and account distinguishing the monies received from the one source and the other, and it appears to your Committee, that a change ought to take place in the manner of keeping these accounts, and that an investigation ought to be made into the Treasurers accounts in this respect, and they advise to the appointment of a Committee for that purpose and also to examine and seperate those accounts for former years.

We have settled the accounts of Amos Howard Prudential Committee of District No. 2 and find that he has receiv'd of the town $127,59—of his predecessor in office $20,31 and has properly expended $116,55 leaving in his hands the sum of $31,35.

The accounts of Nahum Willington Committee of District No. 9 show that he has receiv'd of his predecessor in office $2,79 of the town $123,03 and of the District $0,44 and has properly expended the whole.

The accounts of Isaac Mills Committee of District No. 10 show that he has receiv'd of the Town $77,44 and has properly expended the whole.

The accounts of Gen. Thos. Chamberlain of District No. 11 show that he received of the town $73,89 and has properly expended $43,50 leaving $30,39 which he has paid over to his successor in office.

The accounts of Ebenezer Reed of District No. 7 show that he received from the town $92,03 and that he has properly expended the whole.

The other Prudential Committees your Committee have not been able to meet and they have not been informed of any other

officers intrusted with the towns money with whom it was their duty to settle according to the vote appointing them.

All which is respectfully submitted — Rejoice Newton, Daniel G. Wheeler Jr.

Voted to accept this report and that the Committee have leave to sit again and to report to the town at a future meeting.

Dr. The Town of Worcester in acct Current with James Wilson Treasurer of said town for the year 1828

1828 To payment of the following Orders

No. 1	William Wesson	3,00	25	Burt & Merrick	60,63
2	Nathan Perry	110,27	26	Pliny Merrick	56,
3	James Barber	44,25	27	Jonathan E. Lazell	60,
4	Paul Shepard	150,	28	Lewis Bigelow	145,61
5	Peter Kendall	147,65	29	Moses Waite	46,05
6	Thomas Chamberlain	73,89	30	Ebenezer Willington	21,08
7	Daniel Heywood & Co.	61,45	31	Administrator on the Estate of S. Hamilton	3,41
8	Benja. Patch Gideon Paine and Wm.W. Patch	250,	32	Ebenezer Gates	9,72
9	Caleb Newcomb	28,95	33	Oliver Wetherby	22,50
10	George Perrin & Co.	42,22	34	John Gleason Jr.	37,86
		911,68	35	John Gleason Jr. Benja. Butman and Silas Brooks	104,87
11	The Committee of building School House No. 11	360,	36	Harriet Rice	105,57
12	Smith & Western	14,40	37	Jonathan Wentworth	18,82
13	Leonard Worcester	162,50	38	Caroline M. Corbett	77,
14	Martin Wilder	182,30			1486,91
15	Lewis Chapin	116,65			3631,76
16	Nahum Willington	123,05	39	Amos Howard	127,59
17	Ebenezer Read	92,03	40	Warren Lazell	90,
18	James Harrington	92,94	41	James Green & Co.	1,70
19	Isaac Mills	77,44			
20	Henry W. Miller	11,88			
		1233,17			
21	Henry W. Miller	650,			
22	Town of Paxton	3,17			
23	George Slocomb	4,50			
24	Nathl. Stowell	60,12			

Treasurer's Com. for his services the past year 50,

Outstanding Taxes in the hands of John Gleason Jr. late Collector 5437,87

Outstanding Taxes in the hands of William Chamberlain the present Collector 2603,14

Amount of Cash in the Treasury including one Dollar of the Eagle Bank of N. Haven taken of the Collector when current and by me to be paid over to my successor 178,56 8488,86

James Wilson Treasurer $12120,62

1828

By ballance of Taxes in the hands of John Gleason Jr. Collector of taxes for the years 1826 & 1827 $6237,95 also Cash remaining in the Treasury this day $171,36 in the whole amounting to $6409,31 agreeable to the Report of the town's Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer 6409,31

July 7 By Assessors Certificate of Taxes for the year 1828 Committed to William Chamberlain Collector and charged by me to him 5691,31

1828 May 1 By Cash of Smith Kendall for his exemption from Militia duty 2

of Newell Rice Do.	2	of Russell Eaton	2
of William Gates Do.	2	Ebenezer Gould	2
of Eli Fairbanks	2	of Stephen R. Tenny	2
of Levi Gates	2	of Jubal Wheelock	2

12120,62

Chose *Israel Whitney, *Uriel Johnson, Purley Goddard, Field Drivers.

Voted to pay each printer of the Newspapers One Dollar and fifty cents for publishing the Warrants of Town Meetings.

Chose Fred. W. Paine, Samuel Perry, Maj. Saml. Allen, Committee to adjust the account of Mr. Nathaniel Stowell in relation to supplies furnished Mary Coes and to report to the town at a future meeting.

Voted to raise Four Thousand Dollars to repair the roads & bridges in town the current year and that said sum be assessed upon the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town of Worcester.

The Committee of Estimates having taken into consideration the subject committed to them ask leave to Report that the following sums of money will be required for the payment of the Current Expenses and debts of the town the present year.

* Sworn.

Compensation to the Keeper of the Poor House Establishment and expenses of supporting the same	$850,00
Compensation to Treasurer discounts and abatements of Taxes	650,00
Support of David Flagg and Asenath Walker at the County House	150,00
Support of Poor other than in the poor house the past year for which no appropriation was made and for the year to come	200,00
For building fence around the New Burial Ground and incidental expenses	312,00
For paying D. Goddard for building new Engine House	350,00
For ballance to pay for New Engine Hose &c and repairing Old Engines the last year	400,00
For payment of Interest to Saml. Hathaway for purchase of burial Ground Lot	48,00
For payment of principal and interest of money borrowed for repair of Maine Street the last year	1696,00
For Ringing Bell and taking care of the Clocks for one year	110,00
For reducing the Hill by the Baptist Meeting House	150,00
Contingent expences	84,00
All which is submitted	$5000,00

John Gleason Jr., Silas Brooks, Pliny Merrick.

The above report was read and accepted May the 11th, 1829 and Voted that said sum of Five Thousand Dollars be assessed upon the Polls & Estates of said Inhabitants.

Chose Fred. W. Paine, Samuel Perry, Maj. Saml. Allen, Committee to adjust the accounts of Mr. Nathl. Stowell in relation to supplies furnished Mary Coes to report at a future meeting.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to cause the Common or such part of it as they think fit to be inclosed by a suitable fence; and to that end that they be authorized to take all necessary measures to cause the discontinuance of any roads across that part of the Common which shall be fenced—provided that the wall around the burying ground shall not be disturbed and that a sum not exceeding $250, shall be appropriated for the purpose to be drawn from the Treasury; from any monies not otherwise appropriated. Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A true Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in town-affairs, held at the Town-Hall on the sixth day of June AD 1829 the following votes were passed to wit.

1st Chose Pliny Merrick Moderator.

Voted that it is inexpedient to fence the Common or to carry into effect the vote passed on the eleventh of May last.

Voted to rescind the vote in relation to reducing the Hill near the Baptist meeting house passed at the last town meeting.

Chose Samuel Brazier, Silas Brooks and Isaac Davis Committee on the subject of straightening the line of the Common on land of Charles Allen Esq. and that they report at a future meeting.

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to cause an article on the subject of obstructions in the roads in town to be inserted in the warrant at the next annual March meeting and that the article be indefinitely postponed. Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs held at the Town Hall on the 21st day of Sept. A. D. 1829 the following votes were passed viz.

1st Chose Pliny Merrick Moderator.

2d Voted that the Road near and from Central Street to Pine meadow road be indefinitely postponed.

3 Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to make the road from Wm. B. Foxes to Israel Whitneys and to draw on the Town Treasury for the money not otherwise appropriated to defray the expense of said road.

3 Art. Voted that the Selectmen be directed to make application to the County Commissioners to discontinue the new Road located by them from Elijah Burbanks to Millbury line.

4 Voted that the remainder of the 3d article [to locate a new road in place of above] be indefinitely postponed said article being divided by said Inhabitants.

Voted That the Town ought to pay Mr. Nathl. Stowell one dollar and twenty five cents per week during the time he furnished Mary Coes supplies. Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs held at the Town

Hall on Monday the first day of March AD. 1830 the following persons were chosen into office as annexed to their names; and also the following votes were passed.

Warrant of said meeting having been read, by the Town-Clerk he requested the legal voters to bring in their votes for a Moderator which was complied with and were for Otis Corbett 226 Pliny Merrick 202 Thomas Chamberlain 3 Benja. Chapin 1

Otis Corbett was duly chosen Moderator of said meeting.

Chose *Benjamin Chapin Town Clerk.

Voted to choose five Selectmen.

*Otis Corbett, *Alpheus Merrifield, *William Eaton, *Ashael Bellows, Lewis Barnard, Selectmen.

Voted to adjourn this meeting one hour

Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

Met agreeably to adjournment.

Voted to Choose three Assessors.

John Gleason J^{r}., Fred. W. Paine, Thos. Chamberlain, Assessors.

Voted that the Town Treasurer when chosen be Collector of Taxes.

13th Art. Voted that the latter part of said article [abatement of taxes] be postponed to the adjournment of this meeting.

John Gleason J^{r}., Benja. Butman and Alpheus Merrifield were chosen Committee of Estimates.

Voted to Choose a Town Agent. Voted to reconsider the above vote.

Gardiner Paine, John F. Clark, Clerks of the Market.

Voted that the Committees which are to be chosen be nominated from the chair.

Samuel M. Burnside, Rejoice Newton and Samuel Ward were chosen a Committee to settle with Town-Treasurer, Selectmen and School Committee.

Voted not to choose a Surveyor of Hoops & Staves.

Alpheus Merrifield, *Walter R. Bigelow, Surveyors of Lumber.

*Caleb Newcomb, *Henry Wheeler, James Green, *George Perrin, David Wadsworth, *Ebenezer Ball, Moses L. Morse, Measurers of Wood & Bark.

Chose Samuel Perry, John Flagg, George Moore, Lewis Thayer, Benja. Flagg, Fence Viewers.

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*Sworn.

Lewis Goulding, *Erastus Graves, Benja. Butman, *Charles Warren, *James Worthington, George T. Rice, Isaac Davis, Simeon Burt, Field-Drivers and Hog-Reeves.

Nathan Heard, Joseph Lovell, Rejoice Newton, Isaac Davis, Sam[l]. Hathaway, John F. Clark, John W. Lincoln, Lewis Bigelow, Lewis Thayer, Fire-Wards.

Voted that the Report of the School Committee be put on file.

Voted that the School Committee of this year consist of seven and then chose Rev. Jonathan Going, Rev. R. A. Miller, Rev. Alonzo Hill, Rev. J. S. C. Abbott, Charles Allen, School Committee.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 10th Instant at two of the clock P. M.

A true Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Elections and town-affairs held at the Town-Hall on the 10th of March 1830 by adjournment from the 1st Instant the following persons were chosen into office as annexed to their names and also the following votes were passed

Chose Samuel M. Burnside, John S. Butler School Committee.

Voted to reconsider the vote in relation to a Surveyor of Hoops & Staves. John M. Earle, Surveyor of Hoops & Staves.

Ebenezer S. Geer, Uriel Johnson, Nathl. Stowell, Jonathan Harrington, Elijah Flagg, *John Flagg, *Charles Hearsey, John Mann, Jeremiah Harrington, Isaac Mills, Guy S. Newton, James Harrington, Francis Grout, Benja. N. Child, Samuel Chaffin, *Jonas Johnson, Ebenezer Barnard, Daniel Tatman, *Israel Whitney, *Nathl. Elder, Highway Surveyors and Collectors of Highway Taxes.

Perley Goddard excused and chose George T. Rice, Levi Moore, Lewis Thayer, Lewis Chapin, Nathan Perry, Abel Flagg, Jonathan Harrington, James Gleason, Moses Brigham, Luther Johnson, Benja. N. Child, Prudential School Committee.

Asa Hamilton, Town Treasurer and Collector.

Voted to raise Fifteen Hundred Dollars to repair the High Ways, in town, and that said sum be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the inhabitants of said town.

*William B. Fox, *Henry Goulding, Field Drivers and Hog Reeves.

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*Sworn.

Voted to excuse Moses L. Morse from serving as a measurer of wood and bark. *Lewis Brown, Measurer of Wood and Bark.

*Samuel Ward, Joseph Lovell, John F. Clark, *Luther Burnett Jr. Constables.

Art. 2d [Reports of Officers and Committees] Voted to postpone said article.

Voted to raise Twenty seven Hundred Dollars to support the Public Schools and that it be expended in the same manner as last year.

Voted to restrain Neat cattle, Horses & Swine from running at large the ensuing year.

Voted that the High-Way-Surveyors of the Town, cause in their respective Districts, such obstructions in the highways as they may think expedient, to be removed.

Voted that the Sureties of John Gleason Jr. late Collector of the Town be indulged by paying by instalments, that is to say One Thousand Dollars in the month of May next and one thousand dollars annually with annual Interest, Provided satisfactory Bonds are given to the Selectmen, until the whole debt is paid.

Voted that the Selectmen have the care of the Town Hall.

Voted the Liceum have the use of the Hall rent free when not otherwise occupied.

Voted to choose a Committee to meet a Committee from the town of Ward in relation to the line between the towns and chose Thomas Chamberlain, Luther Burnett Jr. and Lewis Chapin for said Committee.

Voted that Engine No. 2 be removed to New Worcester if a house be procured free of expense to the town.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to report in relation to the fees of the Town Treasurer and Assessors. Chose Fred. W. Paine, Isaac Davis and Alpheus Merrifield.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next at 4 of the clock P. M. Adjourned accordingly.

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Elections, held at the town hall on Monday the fifth day of April AD. 1830 for the choice of Governor Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth and Senators for the County of

*Sworn.

Worcester the votes were brought in to the Selectmen and by them sorted counted and declaration thereof made as directed by the Constitution and were for the following persons

For Governor
- His Excellency Levi Lincoln three hundred and three.
- Hon. Marcus Morton one hundred and forty two.
- Cyrus Stockwell one.

For Lieut. Gov.
- His Honor Thomas L. Winthrop three hundred and twelve
- Hon. Nathan Willis one hundred and thirty four

For Senators

John W. Lincoln	293	Jonas L. Sibley	141	William Eaton	2
Samuel Mixter	300	Isaac Davis	124	Francis B. Fay	2
Wm. S. Hastings	289	Henry Prentiss	144	Aaron Brooks Jr.	2
David Wilder	303	Josiah Howe	195	Joseph Willard	1
Lovell Walker	236	Charles Allen	5	Rejoice Newton	1
Daniel Thurber	157	Pliny Merrick	1	Bezaleel Taft Jr.	1

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held at the Town Hall on the 5th of April AD. 1830 the following votes were passed viz.

Chose Otis Corbett Moderator.

2d Art. [To act on Resolve of Legislature, Feb. 27, 1830, requiring towns to make surveys of their territory and return them into the Secretary's office] Chose Saml. M. Burnside, Thos. Chamberlain and Ephraim Mower a Committee in relation to said article to report at the adjournment of this meeting.

3 Art. [In relation to disposing of Engine No. 1, and the purchase of a suction engine and leading hose to concentrate the entire power of the Engines] Chose Samuel Ward, Henry W. Miller and John W. Lincoln to report at the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May next at 5 of the clock P. M. Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held on the 5th of April 1830 by adjournment from the 10th of March last the following votes were passed to wit.

Voted to excuse Samuel M. Burnside from serving as School Committee and chose Thomas Chamberlain in his stead.

Chose William Harrington Pound Keeper.

Samuel Allen had 47 and Otis Corbett 3 votes for County Treasurer.

Report of the Committee in relation to the fees of Town Treasurer & Assessors was read and accepted and was postponed for further consideration.

Voted that the Report of the Committee of Estimates be postponed to the adjournment.

Report of Settlement with Selectmen, postponed.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May next at four of the clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs held at the Town-Hall on Wednesday the 21st of April 1830 the following votes were passed to wit.

1st Chose Otis Corbett Moderator.

2 Voted That the sum of twenty five hundred dollars be granted by the town to be paid to the Commonwealth and be appropriated towards the purchase of a suitable site for a Lunatic Hospital for the use of the Commonwealth to be in conformity with a Resolve of the Legislature, in reference to that subject, passed at their last Session—Provided, that the Governor and Council shall first select a lot for that purpose, and order that the said Hospital be located in the town of Worcester. And the Selectmen are directed to draw their order on the Town-Treasurer for such sum as shall be necessary to effect said purchase, not exceeding the said sum of twenty-five hundred dollars to be paid from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3 Voted That John W. Lincoln, Fred. W. Paine, Isaac Goodwin, Saml. M. Burnside and George T. Rice be a Committee to make communication of the proposed Donation to the Governor and Council of this Commonwealth with a suitable representation of the facts in the case and to take such other measures as in their opinion will conduce to the location of the Hospital within this town.

4th Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to draw their warrant on the town Treasurer for such sum of money as may be

necessary to carry into effect the foregoing votes, not exceeding however the sum of twenty five hundred dollars, and that the outstanding demands in the hands of former Collectors be collected and applied to this object so far as to comply with the vote of the town.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A true entry Attest Benj[a] Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in elections, held at the Town Hall May 3d 1830 for the choice of a Representative or Representatives to the General Court for the present political year.

Voted to send three Representatives. Chose William Eaton, Rejoice Newton, Otis Corbett, Representatives.

On a motion being made and seconded to reconsider the vote as to the number of Representatives and to send five it was voted in the negative.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held on the 3d day of May 1830.

Chose Otis Corbett Moderator.

Voted that the Town will not reopen the Watering place near where the road leading from the House of Dea. John Nelson intersects with the Holden road.

Voted that the Town will be at the expense of repairing the Parish Clocks of the meeting houses the current year.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs held on the 3d day of May 1830 by adjournment from the 5th of April last.

Report on Engines being read it was voted to accept it.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town-affairs held at the Town Hall on the 3d

day of May 1830 by adjournment from last March and continued to the present time.

Voted that the Town Treasurer & Collector receive one Hundred and fifty Dollars for his services the current year.

Voted that the Assessors receive one Hundred and fifty Dollars for their services the current year by performing additional duties.

Voted to raise Five Hundred Dollars in addition to the sum already granted to repair the High Ways.

Voted to accept the verbal Report of the Committee in relation to the Survey and that the Survey [be] Postponed until after the next Session of the General Court and it was also Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee to make or cause said Survey when expedient.

Chose Asa Hamilton, Constable.

Voted that every Inhabitant of the Town who shall voluntarily pay the Treasurer and Collector or either of his Deputies the amount of his or her Taxes for the current year within Thirty days next after the delivery of said Tax Bill [shall be entitled] to an abatement of Six per cent on said amount or within Sixty Days after the delivery of said Tax Bill of Four per Cent or within One Hundred and twenty days after the delivery of said Tax Bill, shall be entitled to an abatement of Two per cent.

Voted to excuse Charles Allen as School Committee and chose Benja. F. Heywood in his stead.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee of Estimate and that said sum of Four thousand and twenty dollars be assessed upon the polls & estates of said inhabitants. Report on file.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday the 20 instant at 4 of the clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held at the Town Hall on the 20th of May 1830 by adjournment from the 3d instant the following votes were passed viz.

The Committee appointed to settle with Samuel Jennison Esq. Treasurer and Collector of Taxes for the last year, have attended to that service and Report That the said Jennison has charged himself with all sums of money which he was authorized to collect and all which we can learn have come into his hands in any other way. That he has accounted for all taxes so committed to him and all monies which he has received, by appropriating them to

the purposes for which they were raised. The Committee find his account correctly stated and well vouched, and that there remains in his hands to be paid over to his successor in office the sum of $98,67.

The Committee also report that they find from the Books of the Treasurer, that there is in the hands of John Gleason Jr. former Collector unaccounted for by him, the sum of $3,561,75 and in the hands of William Chamberlain former Collector unaccounted for by him the sum of $1264,11 Amounting in the whole to the sum of $4825,86 The Books of the Treasury are passed over from Mr. Jennison the late Treasurer to Capt. Asa Hamilton his successor. All which is respectfully submitted

Rejoice Newton, Saml. Ward, Committee.

The above report was read and accepted.

Chose *Dorance J. Wilder, Constable.

A true Entry Attest Benj^a. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held at the Town Hall on the 20th of May AD. 1830 the following votes were passed. Chose Otis Corbett, Moderator.

Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen in relation to the list of Jurors as prepared by them and as follows.

Ira Briant, Silas Barber, Wm. Barber, Lewis Bigelow, Lewis Barnard, Jabez Brigham, Amos R. Black, Edward Babbit, Osgood Bradley, William Brown, Walter R. Bigelow, Silas Bailey, Otis Corbett, Joseph Curtis, Anthony Chase, Enos Dorr, Levi A. Dowley, Charles M. Deland, Clark Elder, William Eaton, John M. Earle, Benja. Flagg, Elijah Flagg, Joseph Boyden, Wm. B. Fox, Joseph Fisher, Joel Gleason, Simon S. Gates, Nathl. Gates, John Gleason Jr. James Gleason, Simeon Gleason, Charles J. Gunn. Henry Heywood, Francis Grout, Jona. Harrington, Simeon Hastings, Levi Howe, Clarendon Harris, Hammond Howe, Luther Johnson, John Jones, Wm. Keith, Cyrus Lovell, Wm. Leggate, Alpheus Merrifield, John Mann, George Moore, Nathl. C. Moore, Guy S. Newton, Caleb Newcomb, Saml. Perry, Benja. Read, Wm. Swan, Levi Smith, Saml. Stowell. Francis Thaxter, Saml. Taylor, Lewis Thayer, Joshua B. Tyler, Martin Wilder, Luther White, Ichabod Washburn, Orlando Ware, Henry Wheeler, Nathan Perry, Richard Mills, James Estabrook, Jabez Rice, Andrew March, Elias Carter, Samuel Putnam.

* Sworn.

Art. 3. Voted that the subject be committed to the Selectmen with instructions to them to appoint a Sexton and regulate his prices for burying the Dead in such manner as to allow him a fair compensation, and at the same time to protect the interests of the inhabitants of the town.

Voted that the Town be at the expense of burying the dead during the year except the Coffins and ornaments.

4 art. [Enlargement of Engine House on the Common to accommodate Engine No. 4, "and prevent the apparatus belonging thereto from going into a state of dilapidation] Voted to postpone it indefinitely.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true entry Attest Benj[a] Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Elections held at the Town Hall on Monday the first day of Nov. 1830 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States of America to represent them two years from the third of March 1831; the votes were brought in sorted & counted and declaration thereof made, and were for the following persons.

Hon. John Davis 221 Daniel Thurber 52 William Eaton 18
Pliny Merrick 11 Maturin L. Fisher 2

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in town-affairs held at the Town Hall on Monday the First day of November 1830 the following votes were passed viz.

Chose Otis Corbett Moderator.

Art. 2. [Accounts of Nathan Heard and Francis Thaxter, Highway Surveyors in 1827–8.] Voted to refer it to the following Committee Ebenezer Mower, Martin Wilder, Lewis Chapin, Nathan Perry, John Flagg, John Gleason, Jr., Ebenezer Barnard, Jabez Brigham, Sam[l]. T. Read and Thomas Nichols also voted to have the above Committee to make report at a future meeting.

Art. 3. Voted to refer said article to the Selectmen and that the[y] be authorized to put the [public] pumps in order at the expense of the town.

Art. 4. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to oppose the Road ["prayed for by Samuel Wood and twenty-four others, be-

tween the late dwelling house of John Stearns deceas'd and the Worcester Brewery."] specified in said article.

Art. 5th. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to put Eavestroughs to the Town House and that the remainder of said article ["Eaves-stones on the north side"] be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 6. Voted to accept the road near the farm of Sam[l]. Harrington Jr. and the bounds are described by plan.

Art. 7. Voted that this subject be refer'd to a Committee who shall be authorized to procure a Suction Engine a Hydraulion or Forcing pumps not to exceed however in expense of $700. Voted that the Committee consist of five and chose John W. Lincoln, Henry W. Miller, Fred. W. Paine, Ichabod Washburn and Isaac Davis.

Art. 8. Voted that the Town shall Pave a gutter on the west side of Main Street against the land of those who have made a good side walk or shall hereafter make a good side Walk.

Report of the Settlement with the several School Committees was read and accepted and it was also Voted that said Committee be continued in office to complete said settlement which report is on file. Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk.

Pursuant to appointment of the Selectmen of the towns of Worcester and Paxton the Subscribers met this day to Perambulate the line between said towns, and performed said service as follows We erected a monument, in conformity to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth passed March 8th 1827 at the corner between s'd towns, on the east line, crossing the County road from Worcester to Paxton, to a like monument erected by the towns of Holden & Paxton, on the corner of those towns and on the side line of the town of Worcester, being according to a late survey of said town of Worcester 179½ rods

October 18th 1830

Thos. Chamberlain, Alpheus Merrifield } For the Town of Worcester

John Partridge, Jon[a]. P. Grosvenor } For the Town of Paxton

Pursuant to appointment of the Selectmen of the towns of Worcester and Holden the Subscribers met this day to Perambulate the line between said towns, and performed said service as follows viz. beginning at a stone monument erected by the towns of Holden & Paxton, being the corner of those towns, on the side line of Worcester, thence 212½ rods to a highway near the

house of Jonathan Moore, where we erected a stone monument by agreement of the Selectmen of the respective towns, thence 115 rods to an elm tree in the pasture of Henry Bullard thence 194 rods to the County road from Worcester to Holden where we erected a monument by the same authority as the last—thence 22 rods to stake & stones—thence 90½ rods to a rock with stones upon it—thence 118 rods to a pine stump & stones—thence 12 rods to a highway on Winter Hill where we put a stake and stones —thence 117½ rods to a white ash tree marked—thence rods to the new County road near the house of Mrs. Thaxter to Holden turnpike, where we put up a stone monument, as by agreement as aforesaid—thence rods to the road near the house of Wm. Drury Esq. where we placed a stake and stones—thence 166 rods to Holden Turnpike where we put up a stake and stones —thence 61 rods to a chestnut tree, marked—thence 73½ rods to a stone monument at the corner of West-Boylston, and we have renewed the old marks & bounds

Thomas Chamberlain } For the town
Alpheus Merrifield } of Worcester

Charles Chaffin } For the town
George Flagg } of Holden

Pursuant to appointment of the Selectmen of the towns of Worcester & Leicester, the subscribers met this day to perambulate the line between said towns and performed that service as follows viz beginning at a stone monument erected by the towns of Worcester and Paxton, on the side line of Leicester proceeded thence southerly to the County road near the house of Guy S. Newton where we fixed a stake & stones—thence to a heap of stones in Sylvester's woods—thence to a heap of stones in Green's pasture—thence to a chestnut tree marked by the side of a town road near the house of Abel Green—thence to an oak stump with stones by land of John Sargent thence to a heap of stones by the old road from Worcester to Leicester thence to the new County road, near the house of Andrew Adams where we fixed a heap of stones—thence to a black oak tree marked—thence to Stafford Turnpike where we put up a heap of stones—thence to a chestnut tree marked—thence to the line of the town of Ward where we fixed a stone monument agreeable to the requisitions of Law & we renewed all the old marks and bounds.

October 19th 1830 — Thos. Chamberlain, Alpheus Merrifield } For the Town of Worcester

The town of Leicester did not appear } For the Town of Leicester

Pursuant to appointment of the Selectmen of the towns of Worcester and Ward, the subscribers have this day perambulated the line between said towns and completed that service as follows, viz. beginning at a stone monument erected by the towns of Worcester and Leicester on the side line of Ward from thence to a stake & stones in Clark's pasture—thence to stake and stones in J. Flagg's pasture—thence to stake & stones 2 rods from the road near Levi Hardy's—thence to an angle in Lazell's wood lot where we put up a stone monument as the law directs—thence to an angle in the road near the house of Wm. Goss where we established a monument similar to the last mentioned—thence to an angle under Goss wall where we raised a monument as aforesaid thence to a white oak tree on the side line of Millbury, by the side of which we erected a stone monument the tree being the corner and we renewed the old bounds & marks.

Oct. 19th 1830

Thos. Chamberlain, Alpheus Merrifield } For the town of Worcester

Jonas Bancroft, Harvey Bancroft } For the Town of Ward

The Subscribers appointed by the Selectmen of the towns of Worcester & Shrewsbury to perambulate the line between those towns commenced that service at a heap of stones in land of Rufus Wesson, being the corner of Shrewsbury where we erected a stone monument as the law directs—thence to an angle in said line on the west Bank of long Pond & there put up a like monument—thence to an angle at the head of said pond where we set up a similar monument—thence to the corner of West Boylston near the house of Cyrus Lovell where we closed our commission by establishing a monument as aforesaid.

Thos. Chamberlain, Ashael Bellows } For the town of Worcester

Balek Dean, Thos. Harrington } For the town of Shrewsbury

The Subscribers appointed by the Selectmen of the town of Worcester to meet a delegation from the town of West Boylston to perambulate the dividing line between s'd towns and erect monuments at the angles on said line as the law requires, met at the house of Cyrus Lovell October 21st 1830 at 3 of the clock P. M. and finding no persons to represent the Selectmen of West Boylston, after waiting a reasonable time proceeded to discharge the duty assigned us as follows viz we began at a stone monument erected at the corner of the town of Shrewsbury near the

house of s'd Lovell and proceeded thence to an angle on said line in said Lovell's orchard where we put up a stone monument—thence to an angle by the side of the County road leading from Worcester to West Boylston where we established a stone monument—thence to an angle in low land where a swamp white oak tree has been recognized as a corner, by the side of which we erected a stone monument—thence to a large white oak in Col. Moore's land—thence to a stone monument at the corner of the town of Holden & we renewed all the old monuments.

Thos. Chamberlain } For the town
Ashael Bellows } of Worcester

Pursuant to appointment by the Selectmen of the towns of Worcester and Millbury, we the subscribers have this day being the 26th of Nov. AD. 1830 perambulated the dividing line between said towns and renewed all the monuments known as such, on said line as follows beginning at a stone monument erected by the town of Worcester, in the corner between Worcester and Grafton Gore & on a side line of Millbury—thence to a decayed stump with stones about it in a pasture occupied by Levi Bigelow —thence to a stone heap on land late belonging to Luke Randall—thence to a heap of stones on a rock in woodland—thence to a heap of stones in Josiah Woodward's pasture—thence to a long stone standing in Park's wall—thence to stake and stones on the east bank of Blackstone River—thence to stake and stones by the side of the County road leading from Worcester to Millbury—thence to a white oak tree the corner between Worcester & Ward with a stone monument raised by the side of it.

November 19th 1830

Thos. Chamberlain } For the town
Alpheus Merrifield } of Worcester
John Park 2d } For the town
Vernon Stiles } of Millbury

A True Entry and recorded by me

Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held at the Town-Hall on Monday the Seventh of March A. D. 1831 for the choice of Town Officers for the ensuing year and for other purposes as specified in the warrant for said meeting The following persons were chosen into office as annexed to their names respectively and also the following Votes were passed; to wit.

The meeting was opened by the Town Clerk and votes were

brought in sorted & counted for a moderator were for Fred. W. Paine 208 Thos. Chamberlain 131 Charles Allen 2 Pliny Merrick 5 William Chamberlain 1 Gardner Burbank 1 Otis Corbett 1 Benja. Chapin 1

Fred. W. Paine was chosen Moderator

Chose *Benjamin Chapin Town Clerk.

Voted to choose five Selectmen.

*Fred. W. Paine, *Alpheus Merrifield, *Henry Heywood, *Benjamin Flagg, *Luther Burnett Jr. Selectmen.

Voted to adjourn this meeting one hour to meet again at this place Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

Art. 17. Met agreeably to adjournment and it was voted to proceed to ballot for a County Treasurer for the County of Worcester; Votes were brought in sorted & counted and were for the following persons.

Anthony Chase 280 Otis Corbett 92 Wm. Jennison 13 Wm. D. Wheeler 8 Charles Prentiss 7 Asa Hamilton 4 Ashael Bellows 4 Votes for County Treasurer.

Chose *John Gleason J^{r}., *Thos. Chamberlain, *John W. Lincoln, Assessors.

*Asa Hamilton Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

Voted that the Town Treasurer receive the same sum for his services, as last year.

Chose *Joseph Lovell, *Alexander G. Vottier, Clerks of the Market.

Chose *Lewis Bigelow, *Alpheus Merrifield, Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose *Caleb Newcomb, *Henry Wheeler, James Green, Leonard W. Stowell, Lewis Brown, *Ebenezer Ball, George Perrin, *Lewis Thayer, *Harmon Chamberlin, Measurers of Wood & Bark.

*Benjamin Flagg, *John F. Clark, *Silas Barber, *Samuel Perry, Jonas Hartshorn, Fence Viewers.

*Rufus D. Dunbar, *Samuel Porter, *Emery Washburn, *Theoph^{s}. B. Western, *Avery Maynard, *Horace Earle, *Jonathan Wood, George Hobart, *William Stowell, Field Drivers & Hog Reeves.

Voted to choose seven School Committee men and chose

*Sworn.

Rev. Jonathan Going, Rev. Rod. A. Miller, Rev. Alonzo Hill, Rev. J. S. C. Abbott, Otis Corbett, Alfred D. Foster, John S. Butler, School Committee.

Chose Nathan Heard, Joseph Lovell, Rejoice Newton, Isaac Davis, John F. Clark, John W. Lincoln, Lewis Bigelow, Lewis Thayer, George T. Rice, Fire-Wards.

Voted that the Centre School District have the liberty to choose their Prudential School-Committee.

Chose Nathan Heard, Simon S. Gates, Benja. Flagg, John W. Lincoln, Lewis Chapin, John Flagg, John Gleason Jr. Lewis Barnard, Silas Brooks, Saml. T. Read and Thomas Chamberlain a Committee To Report on the subject matter in relation to the best mode of expending the money which may be raised to repair the Highways the current year.

Chose Levi Moore, Simon S. Gates, Nath[l]. Brooks 2d, Nath[l]. Stowell, James Harrington, Simeon Gleason, Samuel Stowell, John Mann, Elisha Smith and Thomas Nichols, Prudential School Committee.

Voted not to choose Constables until the adjournment.

Chose Silas Brooks, Lewis Barnard, Otis Corbett, Committee of Estimates.

Voted not to raise money to repair the Highways until the adjournment.

Art. 4. Voted to restrain Horses, Neat Cattle & Swine from running at large within the limits of the town the current year.

Art. 5. [In regard to suspending the laws relative to killing certain birds and the destruction of pickerel and trout] Voted to postpone indefinitely said article.

Art. 6. [In regard to a survey of the township] Postponed to the adjournment.

Art. 7. [Buildings for Engines 2 and 6] Voted that said article be referred to the same Committee who purchased Engine No. 6 who are directed to report to the Town at the adjournment.

Art. 8. ["To see if the town will pay the expence of the Committee chosen . . . in refference to the location of the Lunatick Hospital at Worcester"] Postponed indefinitely and this vote was reconsidered and that it be acted on at the adjournment.

Art. 9. [A street lamp in front of the Town Hall] Postponed indefinitely.

Art. 10. Voted to cellebrate the next 4th of July at the expence of the Town that is to say to pay for ringing the Bells and

fireing salutes and chose Timothy W. Bancroft, Wm. Stowell, Isaac Davis, Joseph Lovell, Saml. Harrington Jr., Lewis Bigelow and John F. Clark, Committee of Arrangements for said day.

Art. 11. Voted that the same abatements on Taxes be allowed as last year.

Art. 12. [Reports of officers and committees] Postponed.

Art. 13. Chose Saml. M. Burnside, Thos. Chamberlain, Moses Perry, Daniel G. Wheeler, Isaac Davis, Committee to settle with Selectmen, Town Treasurer and School Committees of the several School Districts.

Art. 14. ["What disposition shall be made of the several apartments of the Town Hall and who shall have the care of them."] Postponed indefinitely.

Art. 15. [Proposed alteration by the County Commissioners in the road near Elijah Burbank's house.] Voted to accept the propposition of the Messrs. Burbanks in relation to said article

Art. 16. [To allow the First Parish to erect a vestry adjoining their meeting house.] Postponed.

Art. 18. [Votes for Register of Deeds] Voted to postpone said article until the adjournment.

Art. 19. ["Allowance to Austin Harrington for building the road from Central Street to pine meadow road."] Do.

20. Voted that one of the Bells be rung at noon and 9 of the clock P. M. during the year at the expence of the Town and the Selectmen were authorized to cause the Bell to be rung as aforesaid.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next at 3 of the clock P. M.

A true entry Attest Benj[a] Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester holden on the Fourth of April 1831 by adjournment from the 7th of March last the following persons were chosen into office as annexed to their names and the following votes passed.

Voted to choose five Constables.

*Timothy W. Bancroft, John F. Clark, Asa Hamilton excus'd *Joseph Lovell, *Dorance J. Wilder, Constables.

Voted to excuse Otis Corbett from serving on the School Committee and Chose in his stead Samuel M. Burnside.

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* Sworn.

Voted that the Selectmen appoint a Pound Keeper.

*Robert S. Gleason, Field Driver & Hog Reeve.

Voted that the Assessors be allowed the same sum and to perform the same services as last year.

Voted to raise Twenty five Hundred Dollars to repair the Roads & Bridges the current year; to be assessed upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants as last year.

*Benja. Butman, Simon S. Gates, John A. Patch, Moses Clark, John Flagg, Lewis Thayer, Silas Brooks, Leonard Flagg, Ezra Goddard excused, Guy S. Newton, Jubal Wheelock, Francis Grout, Nathl. C. Moore, Archibald Willard, Joshua J. Corbin, Ebenezer L. Barnard, Daniel Tatman, William B. Fox, Elisha Taft, Highway Surveyors and Collectors of the Highway Taxes.

Voted to postpone the article in relation to granting money to the adjournment except High way and School grants.

Voted to raise the sum of Three Thousand Dollars for the support of the Public Schools the current year to be assessed upon the polls & estates of the inhabitants.

Voted that the sum of Two Hundred & fifty Dollars be divided among the outer School Districts equally.

Voted to accept the report of the School Committee which is on file.

Voted that the Survey of the Town be referred to the Selectmen.

Voted that the Committee in relation to the Engine subject be continued in office and to make a report at the adjournment.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to settle the Bills in relation to the expence of the Committee in relation to the Lunatick Hospital.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee in relation to Mr. Francis Thaxter and Nathan Heard's account.

Art. 16th. Postponed to adjournment of this meeting.[1] Chose Saml. M. Burnside, John W. Lincoln to take the whole subject into consideration and to report at the adjournment.

18[2] & 19[3] Arts. Postponed to adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at 3 of the clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk.

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*Sworn.

[1 2 3] See page 329.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held at the Town Hall on the 4th day of April 1831 being the first Monday in said month for the purpose of bringing in their votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth of Mass. and for Five Senators and Counsellors for the District of the County of Worcester; The votes were brought in, sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons.

His Excellency Levi Lincoln	299
Hon. Marcus Morton	107
Abel Drury	1
Benja. Gorham	1
Heman Lincoln	1

For Governor.

For Lieut. Governor.

His Honor Thomas L. Winthrop	300
Hon. Nathan Willis	107
Henry Shaw	1

John W. Lincoln	172	Rufus Bullock	300	Josiah Clark	1
David Wilder	172	Ira Barton	1	Charles Parkman	1
Wm. S. Hastings	172	Asaph Rice	2	Edward Phillips	1
James Draper	163	Pliny Merrick	1	Jubal Harrington	1
Daniel Thurber	105	Stephen P. Gardner	133	Charles W. Wilder	1
Jonas L. Sibley	105	Joseph Davis	133	William Eaton	2
Isaac Davis	105	Adolphus Spring	132	Charles Myrick	1
Henry Prentiss	104	Tyler Batcheller	131	Aaron Brooks	1
Josiah Howe	105	Samuel Mixter	4	Charles Allen	1

For Senators.

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in town-affairs, held at the Town-Hall on Monday the 4th day of April AD 1831 The following votes were passed to wit.

Chose F. W. Paine Moderator.

Art. 2. [Town bonds.] Postponed indefinitely.

Art. 3. [Addition to the Poor House.] Chose Simeon Burt, John W. Lincoln, Otis Corbett, Committee on sd art. and to report at the adjournment.

Art. 4. ["To see if the Town will allow the New Burial Ground to be used for pasturing sheep.] Indefinitely postponed.

Art. 5. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to contract

with some suitable person to be Sexton who is to receive the same compensation as last year at the expence of the town.

6. Voted that the Clocks of the First & Second Parish be repaired at the expence of the Town under the direction of the Selectmen.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 18th Instant at 3 of the clock P. M.

A true Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held on the 18th of April 1831 By adjournment from the 4th Instant the following votes were passed.

Voted to accept the following report. Your Committee have attended to the examination of the Poor House and also of the present condition of the inmates, belonging to it, and find that the House is very inconvenient for the present number of the occupants, that the Overseer is compelled to put four beds into a room and they also find that it has been the case that the Well, Sick and the Dying are compelled to remain in the same room. Your Committee are fully of the opinion that there should be added to the old Hall, an addition 45 by 16 on the West side and that the Chimney shall be removed and to make some alterations in the Kitchen department and to accomplish this object your Committee recommend the sum of Six Hundred Dollars to be raised by the Town all which is submitted,

Worcester, April 18th, 1831. Simeon Burt, Chairman.

The aforesaid sum of Six Hundred Dollars was voted to be assessed upon the Polls & estates of the Inhabitants of said town.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held on Monday the 18th day of April 1831 Continued by adjournment from the 7th of March and the 4th Instant the following votes were passed.

Chose William Harrington Pound Keeper.

The following report of the Committee of Estimates was read and accepted.

"The Committee chosen at the annual Town Meeting in March last to make an estimate of the Municipal expenses of the Town for the current year report as follows.

For the Superintendent & other incidental expenses attending the Poor House Establishment	$900,00
For the support of the Poor at the County House & Gaol	400, "
For support of the Poor in other places	250, "
For support of Caroline Stowell at M'Lean Assylum	160, "
For discounts on Moneys raised, Abatements of Taxes, Assessors, Collectors & Treasurer's services	800, "
For new Engine purchased last winter	700, "
Interest on money borrowed	300, "
For paving Gutters on Maine Street, Repairs of Bridges, and Guide boards	240, "
For contingent expenses	250, "
All which is respectfully submitted	$4000,00

per order of the Committee Otis Corbett

Worcester April 18th AD 1831

Vote that the above sum of Four Thousand Dollars be assessed upon the polls and estates of the Inhabitants of the Town.

Voted that the consideration of the report on Engines be postponed to the adjournment.

Voted to excuse Ezra Goddard from serving as Highway Surveyor and chose in his stead Saml. T. Read.

Artemas Ward had 49 votes for Register of Deeds.

The Committee appointed by the Town to settle with the Selectmen and Town Treasurer for the year last past, have attended to those duties, and submit the following Report.

Upon inspecting the Books of the Selectmen it appears that they have charged themselves with Sundry Sums of Money received by them during their term of office for rents of town property, amount of several town bonds, interest on other bonds &c. amounting in the whole to Two Thousand, Seven hundred Sixty seven Dollars & Forty nine cents and this Sum your Committee have reason to believe, is all the money which has come to their hands, as for which they are justly chargable They have charged the town with Sundry Sums of money paid out by them or upon their order during the same period, Amounting in the whole to Two Thousand Seven hundred, and Seventy two Dollars and eighty cents, being a ballance due to them of five dollars and thirty one cents. They also charge themselves with the sum of $93.35 [ ] in office and have charged as payments made therefrom $11,56 leaving a ballance of $81,79 which has been paid over to their Successors. These monies were received for licences, granted

pursuant to the Statute of March 4th 1826, and the same sum of $11.56 disbursed therefrom was in conformity to the same provisions of Statute. Your Committee have carefully examined the statement submitted to them by said Selectmen of the Condition of the town bonds and are of the opinion that this subject requires the immediate attention of the existing board of Selectmen, or of some agents to be appointed by the town for that purpose. Some of those bonds are probably desperate. Whether any former officers of the town are in fault for not having collected while the obligees were able to pay them, Your Committee have not the means of determining. Some of these bonds have [on] them at this time, but one responsible name, and your Committee are of opinion, that it is not never prudent for the town to suffer their debts to depend on the strength of any single name. Such bonds ought either to be collected without delay, or satisfactory additional security required. On a large proportion of those bonds more than one years interest is in arrear which ought never to be suffered. It is but justice to the late board however to state, that these securities are exhibited to your Committee in precisely the same condition as to their validity in which they were passed to them from their predecessors.

All the entries on the books of the late board were made with great regularity, neatness and accuracy and were supported by satisfactory vouchers, and furnish convincing evidence of the fidelity and exactness with which the complicated and arduous duties of that office has been discharged during the last year.

In settling the account of the Town Treasurer, Your Committee found, that he had charged himself with monies received by him during the past year as follows Viz. Amount of Taxes unaccounted for in the hands of John Gleason Jr., former Collector of taxes of said town of Worcester $3,561,75 Do. in the hands of William Chamberlain former Collector of said town $1,264,11 Ballance of former Treasurer's Acct. $98,67 Amount of taxes, embracing the State, County & town tax for 1830 $8,692,81 Tax of the Centre School District $1,373,12 Sundry other sums received from the Selectmen on town Bonds, from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth for Support of State paupers &c &c Amounting in all to the sum of $16,614,66. He also charges the town with sundry sums paid out by him, pursuant to orders of the Selectmen with $150 allowed for his services by vote of the town, with the amount of abatements, authorized by vote of the town, payment of taxes &c &c Amounting in all to the sum of $15,929, 55 leaving a ballance in his hands to be carried to a new account of $685,11 all these entries were made with accuracy and properly sustained by vouchers.

Your Committee were also charged with settling the several accounts of the prudential Committees of the school districts—but in as much as the Gentlemen composing those Committees, live in different sections of the town sufficient opportunity has not been afforded your committee to complete this part of their duty, and for this purpose ask leave to sit again.

All which is respectfully submitted

Sam[l]. M. Burnside
Worcester April 18th 1831 Thos. Chamberlain

Voted to accept the above report.

Artemas Ward had Forty nine votes for Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester.

Voted to excuse Asa Hamilton from serving as Constable and Chose in his stead *Charles A. Hamilton, Constable.

Voted to reconsider the vote in relation to Austin Harrington's account or petition and chose John F. Clark, Benja. Chapin, William Eaton Committee on said Art. in the warrant and to report at the adjournment.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to make a Settlement with the Selectmen on or before the 15th of February next and that no abatement of single polls shall be allowed after 130 days from the committment of the taxes to said Treasurer.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 11th of May next at 3 of the clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held at the Town-Hall on Wednesday the Eleventh day of May 1831 for the purpose of giving in their Ballots on the proposed amendment of the Constitution [to change the beginning of the political year from the last Wednesday in May to the first Wednesday in January] the yeas and nays were brought in, sorted, counted & declaration thereof made and were as follows.

Yeas, one hundred any forty six. Nays, Eleven.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester

* Sworn.

at the Town Hall on the 11th of May 1831 for the choice of one or more Representatives to the General Court to be holden at Boston on the last Wednesday of the present month.

1st. Voted to choose Five Representatives. Chose Otis Corbett, Alfred D. Foster, Jubal Harrington, Representatives.

Voted to reconsider the Vote wherein it was voted to send five Representatives, and then voted to choose but three.

Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held at the Town-Hall on the 11th of May 1831 the following votes were passed.

Chose Fred W. Paine Moderator.

Voted that the Minors of the Town be numbered on the first day of May and that the Town Clerk be directed to notify the Prudential School Committee of each school district to make return of the number of Minors in their respective districts to the Selectmen on or before the first Monday in June next also the same method is to be adopted in future years.

4 Art. [Addition to School house No. 3.] Indefinitely postponed.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town Hall on the 11th of May 1831 By adjournment from the March meeting last which has been continued from time to time.

Voted that the Assessors of the town be directed to have the Highway Surveyors to reserve a part of their High-way Tax to make or break the roads in the winter.

Voted that if the Highway Surveyors shall have any monies in their hands in the spring it shall be laid out in repairing the roads in that season.

Report of the Committee in relation to settlement with the Prudential School Committee was read and accepted and is on file.

Voted to Build an Engine House and also to buy a lot of Land of Cyrus Stockwell.

Voted to purchase a small quantity of Hose.

Voted that the Committee on Engines be allowed their account not to exceed $6,90 each.

Voted to light the Engine House No. 5 at the expence of the town.

Voted that the Engine House shall be built of brick Also to raise $450, to build an Engine House and that it be assessed upon the polls and estates of said inhabitants.

Voted to postpone the Art. in relation to the Engine at New Worcester.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to carry into effect the votes in relation to Engines & House.

Voted to have a New Highway District in or near or through the road by Jos. Patches.

Chose Jos. Patch, Highway Surveyor.

16 Art. [See page 329] Postponed indefinitely.

Austin Harrington's article was postponed indefinitely although the Committee reported in his favor.

Voted that the town authorize the present School Committee to engage Mr. George Folsom as teacher of the Latin Grammar School at a Salary at the rate of $800 per annum he having the right to leave said School at any time upon giving the School Committee three months notice of his intention so to do.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in elections and town-affairs held at the Town Hall on the 8th day of June 1831 the following votes were passed.

Chose Fred W. Paine Moderator.

Art. 1st. A motion was made to commit the subject in relation to Building School Houses and was voted in the negative.

2. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to make an addition to the School House in District number three located in New Worcester the expence not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars and to draw on the Treasurer for the money not otherwise appropriated.

Art. 3. A motion to commit was passed in the affirmative and reconsidered. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to make an addition to the School House in District number two located in Tatnick; expence not to exceed Three Hundred and fifty Dollars and to draw on the Treasurer for the money not otherwise appropriated.

Art. 4. [School house for colored population in District No. 1 & adjacent Districts.] Voted to commit said article and chose Rejoice Newton, Otis Corbett and Isaac Davis who are directed to report at the next town meeting.

Art. 5. [In regard to the legacy of the late Isaiah Thomas "either by accepting or refusing the same in whole or in part."] Voted to committ it to John Davis, Isaac Davis, Isaac Goodwin, Nathan Heard, Saml. Taylor, Otis Corbett & Benja. Butman who were directed to report at the next town meeting.

Art. 6. [In reference to draining the cellar under the Town House.] Voted to refer it to the Selectmen and directed them to report at the next town meeting.

Art. 7. Indefinitely postponed which vote was reconsidered and then voted that the Selectmen be authorized to Borrow a sum of money to carry into effect the votes in relation to making the addition to the School House in New Worcester and Tatnick if wanted. Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in elections held at the Town Hall on Monday the Fourteenth day of November AD 1831 for the choice of Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators as well as Counsellors for the present political year; The votes were brought in, sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as directed by the Constitution and were as follows

For Governor.

His Excellency Levi Lincoln; Two hundred & fifty	250
Hon. Marcus Morton; One hundred and Ninety one	191
" Samuel Lathrop Ninety five	95

For Lieut. Governor.

Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop; Three Hundred & sixty	360
" John Mills; One hundred & eighty six	186
Marcus Morton one	1

For Senators.

John W. Lincoln	228	Daniel Thurber	188	Tyler Batcheller	98
David Wilder	226	Jonas L. Sibley	188	Asaph Rice	96
Wm. S. Hastings	227	Isaac Davis	175	Dr. Josiah Howe	185
Rufus Bullock	319	Henry Prentiss	183	John Brown	1
James Draper	227	Stephen P. Gardner	101	William Eaton	1
Pliny Merrick	107				

Voted to adjourn to half past one to meet again at this place.
Attest Benj[a]. Chapin Town Clerk

Met agreeable to the adjournment and it was Voted to send Five Representatives to represent the town in the General Court.

First Choice.		Second Choice.	
Otis Corbett	264	Jubal Harrington	308
William Eaton	179	Thomas Chamberlain	175
Jubal Harrington	4	William Eaton	4
Fred. W. Paine	1	Luther Burnett Jr.	2
William Lincoln	1	A. D. Foster	1
A. D. Foster	1	Charles Allen	1
Charles Allen	1	Daniel Waldo	1
Rejoice Newton	1	Fred. W. Paine	1
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Third Choice.		Fourth Choice.	
Luther Burnett Jr.	234	Lewis Bigelow	206
Fred. W. Paine	191	Gardner Burbank	49
Thos. Chamberlain	7	F. W. Paine	17
Charles Allen	1	Charles Allen	70
Wm. Eaton	5	Wm. Eaton	8
	438	Nathl. Stowell	12
Fifth Choice.		Jubal Harrington	2
Nathaniel Stowell	240	Luther Burnett Jr.	1
Charles Allen	89	Otis Corbett	1
William Eaton	3	Thos. Chamberlain	2
F. W. Paine	2	Wm. Lincoln	1
	334	John W. Lincoln	1
		Francis Thaxter	1
		Caleb Burbank	1
			372

Otis Corbett, Jubal Harrington, Luther Burnett Jr., Lewis Bigelow and Nathl. Stowell were chosen Representatives to the General Court for the political year.

N. B. A motion was made and seconded (after choosing three representatives) to reconsider the vote which had been passed to send five representatives and it was Voted in the Negative.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A true Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs held at the Town Hall Nov. 14th AD 1831 the following votes were passed &c as follows.

Chose Fred. W. Paine Moderator.

Voted to exempt Enginemen from serving as Jury men.

List of Persons presented to the Town of Worcester as suitable ones to serve as Jurymen.

William Barber, William Brown, Walter R. Bigelow, Willard Brown, Luther Burnett Jr., Francis E. Bigelow, Wm. M. Bickford, Nathl. Burt, Hosea Brigham, Lewis Brown, Moses Brigham, Saml. Boyden Jr., Ebenezer L. Barnard, Moses T. Breck, Anson Braman, Nathl. Brooks 2d, Simeon Burt, Benja. Butman, Otis Corbett, Benja. N. Child, Thos. Chamberlain, Moses Clark, Edward Curtis, Benja. Curtis, Lewis Cutting, Saml. Chaffin, George T. S. Curtis, John Coe, Calvin Darby, Joseph H. Dow, Robert Earle, Nathl. Elder, Benja. Flagg, Abel Flagg, Elijah Flagg, Wm. B. Fox, Wm. D. Fenno, Thos. T. Farnsworth, James Green, Nathl. Gates, Simeon Gleason, Charles J. Swan, Francis Grout, Simon S. Gates, Jonathan Gleason, Henry Heywood, John Hammond, Daniel Harrington, Jeremiah Harrington, Horace Howard, Jonas Hartshorn, Daniel Heywood, John Jones, Micah Johnson, Levi Kingsbury, Peter Kendall, Cyrus Lovell, Aaron Leland, John W. Lincoln, John Mann, George Moore, Nathl. C. Moore, Ephraim Mower, Levi Moore, Ira McFarland, Jonathan Nelson, Thomas Nichols, Benja. D. Childs, Benja. Porter, Fred. W. Paine, Emory Perry, Wm. W. Patch, John Patch, Benja. Read, Ebenezer Read, George T. Rice, John Ranks, Sewall Rice, Curtis Rice, William H. Swan, Saml. B. Swet, Daniel Shepard, William Stowell, Paul Shepard, Thomas Sutton, Horatio N. Tower, Erastus Tucker, Elisha Taft, John Weis, Gershom Wheelock, Jonathan Wood, William Wiswall, Peter Williams, Jonathan A. White, Samuel Ward, Artemas Ward 2d, Luther White, Henry Wheeler, Saml. Taylor, Andrew March.

By order of Selectmen Fred. W. Paine
Alpheus Merrifield

The above list read and accepted by the Town.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to define the bounds of the several School Districts in the town of Worcester and report the bounds thereof to the town.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to make a new School District out of No. 8 and others to procure land and build a School house thereon.

Art. 6. Voted That the Selectmen be directed to expend the

money recently voted for the use of District No. 2 at their discretion in furnishing a School House for said district.

The Committee to whom was referred the following article in the town warrant namely "To see what the town will do respecting the legacy of the late Isaiah Thomas Esq. either by accepting or refusing the same in whole or in part."

Report That they have looked into the devise as set forth in the will of the testator and find that he gives all his lands on Thomas Street (which your Committee understand consists of two lots the East end thereof) on condition that the town shall within three years from the death of the testator [erect] a Charity House thereon in the manner in said will specified and pay annually to the Overseers of the poor the sum of twenty Dollars to be expended in a thanksgiving dinner for the poor. If the town should Erect such a house within the time aforesaid on the land in question Your Committee are of opinion they will hold all the lots on said street.

The testator however seems to have anticipated that the town might decline the devise on the condition annexed to it, and has made provision in that event, that they may have the lot on the north side of the street on condition that they Erect thereon "a large and handsome brick School house or academy." The town therefore have their option to take all the land by building a Charity House, by which expression your Committee understand the testator to mean a poor house, within three years from his death or to take the north lot by erecting thereon when they shall deem it expedient a School House.

The town has at a great expense provided a poor house which is favorably situated and affords all the accommodations which seem at present to be necessary, your Committee can therefore see no occation for incurring the heavy charge of Erecting such a building as the will requires for the accommodation of paupers.

They have however been informed that the Centre School District is in need of an additional school house and believing that said north lot is a good scite for such a building they see no reason the town should not accept that lot and comply with the terms of the will when they find it convenient so to do.

The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved That the town duly appreciate the benevolent intentions of the testator towards the poor, but under Existing circumstances deem it inexpedient to accept the bequest given on condition that a Charity House be Erected on the land.

Resolved That it is expedient to accept, and the town does hereby accept the bequest Given on condition that a school house be Erected on the land. All which is respectfully submitted.

John Davis, By Order.

Voted To refuse the first resolution in the above report.

Voted To accept the Second resolution of the Committee in relation to the bequest of the late Isaiah Thomas Esq. to the town and chose the following persons a Committee to take the subject of Erecting a School house the probable expense and also to report a plan of a School house to the town for their consideration. Alfred D. Foster, Lewis Bigelow, Alpheus Merrifield, F. W. Paine, William Keith, Isaac Davis & George T. Rice.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Erecting a separate school house for the coloured inhabitants ask leave to report That on inquiry they find the number of colored scholars who attend the public schools to be about twenty and the probability that the number will not be diminished. That from inconveniences growing out of placing them in the line of the usual promotion of scholars from the lower to the higher schools calculated for a more advanced state of education, in consequence of which they have been kept in the primary schools. Should a house be erected in some convenient place, specially appropriated to their use an instructor for the school would probably be employed who might carry them all forward as is usual in common district schools according to their respective advancements without interfering with any important general arrangements.

Under these circumstances your Committee advise to the Erection of a School house by the town to be specially appropriated to the use of the colored people.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Rejoice Newton, Per order.

Voted to accept the above report and chose the following persons a Committee to see on what condition a suitable piece of land can be had to erect a school house [and report a] plan and expense of the same, Isaac Davis, Rejoice Newton and Otis Corbett.

The Report of the Selectmen in relation to making a Drain from the Town Hall was read and accepted and is on file.

Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee to carry into effect the report of themselves in draining the cellar of the town hall at the expense of the town.

Art. 9. [Charges for rent and firewood for grammar school in

District No. 1.] Voted not to accept or pay the Bills in said article.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday next at two of the clock P. M.

A true entry Attest Benj[a] Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held at the Town Hall on Monday the Twenty first day of Nov. 1831 by adjournment from the 14th Instant the following votes were passed viz.

The Selectmen made a report in relation to fixing the bounds of the several School Districts in the town of Worcester and is as follows.

The Selectmen of Worcester to whom was refered dividing the Town into School Districts and fixing & defining their limits beg leave to submit the following Report to the Town viz The Selectmen offer the following as the Boundaries of the several School Districts in the town of Worcester beginning with Number One commonly called the Centre District.

District No. 1. Beginning at a Point ten rods North of the House situated on a Farm now or lately owned by William E. Green, Esq. and commonly known by the name of the Crawford Place—thence running South South Westerly to the West side of Bladder Pond so called—thence in nearly the same direction to where the small Brook running out of Pine Meadow so called crosses the old road leading from Washington Square towards the Worcester Turnpike—Thence Southerly to a Point on the West side of the road leading from the Centre of the Town by Capt. Lewis Bigelow's House occupied by himself which shall be ten rods South of said House—thence West North-Westerly to the point where the North side of the road leading from Mr. Joseph Patchs house enters the great Leicester Road—thence Northerly & Westerly to a Point where the land of Levi Lincoln joins the land of Rejoice Newton on the road leading to Tatnic so called thence Northerly to a Point ten rods West of a dwelling House on Levi Lincoln's Farm known by the name of the Osline Place Thence Northerly & Easterly to a Point ten rods North West of the House now occupied by Mr. Elnathan Pratt Thence Easterly to the Point of starting.

This District to be called Number One.

District No. 2. Beginning at a Point on the North side of Tatnic road so called where Farms of Levi Lincoln and Rejoice

Newton join Thence in a West South Westerly direction to where Beaver Brook so called crosses the Road leading to Joseph Patchs Thence West North Westerly to where the road leading by Ezekiel Fowlers enters the Town of Leicester—Thence bounded by Leicester line to Paxton line, Thence East North Easterly bounded by Paxton and Holden line to Tatnic Brook so called. Thence South Easterly to a Point ten rods South West of House occupied by John Flagg 2d.—thence South Easterly to a Point ten rods North East of House owned by Samuel Gates 2d thence South Easterly in the same direction until it intersects Boundary line of District Number One—thence bounded by District Number One to the Point of starting on the Tatnic road.

This District to be called Number Two.

District No. 3. Beginning at the Point where the North side of the Joseph Patchs road so called meets the great Leicester Road thence Northerly bounded by District Number one to boundary of District Number two till it reaches the Boundary of Leicester—thence bounded by and following the line between Worcester and the Towns of Leicester and Ward till it comes to Kettle Brook so called—Thence Northerly and Easterly till it comes to a Point ten rods East of the Factory owned & occupied by John & Thomas Sutton on Blackstone River—thence North North Easterly to a Point ten rods East of the House formerly owned and occupied by Capt. Ebenezer Wiswall. Thence Northerly to the Point of starting.

This District to be called Number Three.

District No. 4. Beginning at a Point where Kettle Brook so called enters the Town of Worcester from the Town of Ward—Thence bounded by District Number Three until it comes to where the North side of the Joseph Patchs Road so called enters the great Leicester Road—thence East South Easterly bounded by District Number One till it reaches a Point on the West side of the road leading Southerly by the House occupied by Lewis Bigelow at a distance of ten rods south of said House—thence South Westerly to the Centre of the Bridge over the Blackstone Canal near the House occupied by Israel Whitney—Thence Southerly and Westerly to the boundary line between Worcester and Ward to a Point where the West side of the Road leading by William Goss House crosses the Ward line—thence to the Point of starting. And this District is meant to include all the Houses and lands which for all political purposes belong to the Town of Worcester notwithstanding they are situated within the Geographical limits of the Town of Ward.

This District to be called Number Four.

District No. 5. Beginning at a Point where the West side of the road leading by William Goss' crosses the line between Worcester and Ward—Thence Northerly and Easterly bounded by District Number Four till it reaches the Point before mentioned ten rods South of House occupied by Lewis Bigelow—Thence East South Easterly to a Point ten rods East of the House owned by Capt. Lewis Bigelow and commonly known by the name of the Harrington Place—thence South South Easterly to the boundary line between the Towns of Millbury and Worcester at a point ten rods West of the last House on the road leading to Millbury by John & Abel Flaggs—thence bounded by the line between Worcester and the Towns of Millbury and Ward to the Point of Starting.

This District to be called Number Five.

District No. 6. Beginning at a Point before named ten rods South of the House occupied by Lewis Bigelow—thence bounded by District Number One to where the small Brook running out of Pine Meadow so called crosses the old road leading from Washington Square towards the Worcester Turnpike—thence South South Easterly to a Point ten rods South West of House owned and occupied by Aaron Flagg—thence East South Easterly till it strikes the South side of the First Island in Long Pond South of the Floating Bridge thence Southerly bounded by Long Pond till it comes to District Number Five and Grafton Line and Westerly by Millbury Line till it comes to Boundary of District Number Five—thence Northerly & Westerly bounded by District Number Five to the Point of Starting.

This District to be called Number Six.

District No. 7. Beginning at the North East Corner of District Number Six on Long Pond—thence Westerly by Boundary of Number Six till it comes to the Point where the small Brook flowing out of Pine Meadow so called crosses the old road leading towards the Worcester Turnpike—Thence bounded by District Number One till it comes to a Point ten rods North East of a House situated on a Farm now or lately owned by William E. Green and known by the name of the Crawford Place—thence Easterly & Northerly to Shrewsbury line at the Head of Long Pond—thence Southerly bounded by Long Pond at the Point of starting.

This District to be called Number Seven.

District No. 8. Beginning at the head of Long Pond at the Shrewsbury line—Thence Westerly bounded by Districts Number Seven and Number One till it reaches a Point ten rods North

West of the House now in the occupation of Elnathan Pratt—thence North Easterly to a Point ten Rods East of a small House owned by William Paine and occupied by Sylvanus Morse—thence to the Point on the North side of the Road leading to William Paines Mill where land of said Paine & Lewis Barnard join—thence to a Point ten rods South of House of Widow Knights on the Lancaster Road—Thence Easterly to the Point where the Shrewsbury & West Boylston lines meet on the boundary line between those Towns and Worcester—thence by the Boundary line of Worcester to the Point of Starting.

This District to be called Number Eight.

District No. 9. Beginning at the Point on the Boundary Line of Worcester where the Shrewsbury and West Boylston lines meet —thence bounded Southerly by District Number Eight till it comes to a Point ten rods South of the House occupied by the Widow Knights on the Lancaster road; thence North North Westerly to a Point ten rods East of the House occupied by John Mann—thence in the same direction as the last mentioned line till it strikes the Boundary line between the Towns of Worcester and Holden—thence Easterly on the Holden and Southerly on the West Boylston line to the place of starting.

This District to be called Number Nine.

District No. 12 being a new District. Beginning at a Point on the road leading to Lancaster ten rods South of House occupied by the Widow Knights—thence bounded on the South by District Number Eight till it comes to a Point ten rods North West of the House occupied by Elnathan Pratt thence Northerly and Easterly to where the East side of the road leading by Ephraim Drury's House strikes the Boundary line between the Towns of Worcester and Holden—thence Easterly on said line to the Boundary of District Number Nine thence bounded by said District Number nine to the Point of Commencement.

This District to be called Number Twelve.

District No. 10. Beginning at a Point ten Rods North West of House occupied by Elnathan Pratt—thence Northerly and Easterly by District Number Twelve to Holden line—thence West South Westerly on the Boundary line between the towns of Worcester and Holden untill it reaches the Point where Beaver Brook so called enters the Town of Worcester from Holden—thence in a straight line to the Point of Starting.

This District to be called Number Ten.

District No. 11. Beginning at a Point where Beaver Brook so called crosses the Boundary line between the Towns of Worcester

and Holden—thence West South Westerly on the Boundary line between Worcester and Holden till it comes to Tatnic Brook so called—thence South Easterly bounded by District Number Two until it meets the Boundary of District Number One thence North North Easterly bounded by District Number One to a Point ten rods North West of Elnathan Pratts House—thence North Westerly to the Point of Commencement bounded by District Number Ten.

This District to be called Number Eleven.

The foregoing are the territorial limits of all the School Districts in Worcester as now offered to the consideration of the Town by their Selectmen And the Selectmen respectfully recommend their adoption and ratification by the Town under the following limitations and restrictions viz. First That whenever a School House shall be erected and appropriated to the use of the Coloured population within the territorial limits of District Number One any coloured Children residing in District Number Seven within one mile of said School House shall be held to belong to District Number One to all legal intents and purposes and be enumerated among the minors of District Number One accordingly.

Secondly—That the several minors now included in the Territorial limits of the new District Number Twelve shall have all the rights and priviledges of attending School in the several Districts to which they have hitherto belonged until a School House is erected for their accommodation within the said new District Number Twelve, But that said new District may at once enter into all rights inherent by law to such Corporations whenever the Town by their vote shall fix the territorial said District Number Twelve.

The Families comprising the proposed District Number Twelve contain Fifty one minors as shown by the returns of the present year and are all taken from Districts Numbers Eight & Nine from No. 8 the following Families have been taken viz. Wm. & Silas Barber, Joel Gleason, John Forbes, Jonathan Gleason 2d, Daniel Chadwick, Amos R. Black, Sylvanus Morse and Samuel Stowell.

From District No. 9 the following Families have been taken viz. Silas Brooks, Eli Fairbanks, James Barber, Jonathan Gleason, John Mann and Widow B. Smith leaving the number of Minors in No. 8 One Hundred and one and in No. 9 Eighty-one.

All which is respectfully submitted. Fred W. Paine, Alph^{s}. Merrifield, Benja. Flagg, Henry Heywood, Luther Burnett Jr. Selectmen of Worcester.

Worcester Nov. 21st, 1831

The above report was read and accepted by the town.

The Committee appointed at the Town Meeting of which this [is] an adjournment, to consider & report upon the subject of erecting a School House on the lot devised to the Town by Mr. Thomas, the probable expense of said House and a plan for the same.

Report—That they have been upon the lot devised to the Town by the late Isaiah Thomas Esquire and find by an admeasuerment not precisely accurate, but sufficiently so for present purposes that the lot is bounded one hundred and seventy two and a half feet on Thomas Street, one hundred and sixty nine feet on Summer Street, one hundred and twenty four and a half feet on Mr. B. F. Smiths and Dr. Paine's land, and one hundred and sixty five and a half feet on Mr. Parley Goddard's land.

In determining what description of Building the Town ought to put upon the lot the Committee thought it [best] to consider the terms of the Will of Mr. Thomas—the present and the probable future wants of the District. The terms of the Will are "I give and devise to said Town the lot lying on the North side of Thomas Street, and making the Corner of said Street and Back Street to erect thereon a large & handsome Brick School House or academy within two years after my decease, [ ] then I give and devise said lots to my Grand Children." Thus it appears the Town are in a measure controlled, as to what they must do, by the very language of the Instrument which gives them a title to the lot. The building must be erected within two years from the decease of Mr. Thomas it must be of brick large and handsome. Considering the present necessities of the District the Committee the number of minors as taken this year to be One Thousand and fifty eight, being more than half of all the Minors in the Town and it appears by the last annual report of the Board of Overseers of the District that the average number of Scholars attending the schools in the District, including the Grammar School was Four hundred and twenty seven. There are constantly keeping within the District Eight schools besides the Grammar School, and one for apprentices kept three months in each year—making in all ten schools requiring ten different rooms. To accommodate these schools there are Four rooms in the Centre school-house which was purchased, paid for repaired and furnished by the District without aid from the Town. Two school houses are on the Common and one near Gen. Heards house each sufficient for one school, which were built at the expense of the Town and there are three rooms hired by the District, constantly, at a rent of twenty five dollars, each, per annum, and one for three months

at a rent of ten dollars for that time. One of these rents will be taken off by the erection of a School House for coloured Children, but there will still be left a present necessity for three school rooms for which there is now paid annually rent of sixty dollars, and our Streets are so fast filling with a prolific as well as a busy population, that it cannot be long before a fourth room will be necessary to accommodate the increasing numbers. It appears from this statement that the Town have furnished but two School Houses for more than one half the minors in the town while to accommodate the remainder they have built ten school houses and have voted money to build or aid in building three more and, at the same time about three fourths of all the taxes are paid by the Centre District. The Committee thought the Building to be erected should be sufficient to accommodate Four Schools of Fifty pupils each. They therefore recommend that the Town occupy ninety seven feet of the front of the lot on Thomas Street, beginning at Mr. Goddards land and running towards Summer Street. This will leave a spacious lot on the corner of Thomas & Summer Streets which can be hereafter used as may be thought best either for the Town's purposes or by leasing for a term of years or a ground rent. The lot ninety seven feet in front and running back to Mr. Smiths will be large enough for a School House and play ground. The Committee recommend that a Building be erected thereon two stories high sixty seven feet long by thirty feet wide leaving a passage way of Fifteen feet at each end of it, so that, if thought best each two schools may be entirely separated from the the other two. They propose to have the Entrance in the Centre of the building, by two entries seven feet wide running through the House and divided from each other by a brick partition. The rooms will then be left at each end, twenty eight by twenty five feet. They recommend that each story be at least ten feet in the clear. By a cast furnished the Committee by Capt. Lewis Bigelow, they estimate the expense of such a building with a Cupola for a Bell, and fitted for the reception of Desks and appurtenances at twenty two hundred and seventy five dollars.

They were not prepared to say what is the best form of desks and benches and have made no estimate of the cost of them. They endeavored only to determine what would be the most desirable form & size and position of the building and its probable cost prepared for fitting up for the schools, thinking all the details better left with a building Committee who could give more time and consideration to the subject than it has been in the power of this Committee to bestow. They recommend, therefore that the Town choose a Building Committee & authorize them

to exercise their discretion in all the details of the building under such restrictions as to the amount to be expended, as the Town may judge best. As those who come after us will share in the benefits of the building, as well as the present generation, it seems but right they should share, also, in the expense of its erection. The Committee therefore recommend that the funds to defray the expense of the building be raised, by borrowing on the Credit of the Town whatever may be granted by them and that the loan be repaid by ten equal annual instalments. The Committee have much satisfaction in saying that in all the recommendations of this report they were entirely unanimous.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Worcester Nov. 21st 1831 A. D. Foster Per Order

The preceding report was read and accepted and chose Fred W. Paine, Otis Corbett and Lewis Barnard, Building Committee.

Voted that the Building Committee be and are authorized to Borrow Twenty five hundred dollars in behalf of the Town to be paid in ten equal annual instalments from the time the money shall be borrowed for the purpose of building the School House on Thomas Street, as recommended by the Committee chosen for that purpose.

The Committee to whom was refered the subject relating to a School House for the Coloured population Submit the following Report.

Your Committee have examined several different sites for a school house and are unanimously of the opinion that the most eligable place for it would be a tract of land of Simeon Hastings at the junction of the pine meadow & the old road if Mr. H. will sell the lot at a reasonable price—your Committee have not been able to get his terms—they have however ascertained that other lots near that place can be had for a reasonable consideration and would recommend that it be located at or near the junction of said Roads.

Your Committee would recommend that a Building 25 feet by 20 be erected—as one of that size will in their opinion be amply sufficient for the Children of the Coloured population in the Centre District. The expense of the land erecting and finishing a Building of the above Dementions will probably not vary far from Three hundred and twenty five dollars. Your Committee recommend that the manner of finishing the Building be left to the Building Committee. All which is respectfully submitted,

Per Order Isaac Davis.

Voted to accept the above report and also voted that the sum of Three hundred and twenty five Dollars be raised & assessed upon the polls and estates of said inhabitants.

Voted not to assess the money till next spring.

Chose John Flagg, Luther Burnett Jr. and Lewis Bigelow, Building Committee.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to cause the Cellar of the Town Hall to be drained.

11th Art. [To accept a road beginning on Main street between the houses of B. F. Heywood and one formerly owned by Francis Blake to Summer st. commonly called Central st.] Voted to postpone it indefinitely.

9 art. Voted to reconsider said vote on said article.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to pay to the Prudential School Committee of the Centre District One Hundred and fifty dollars for wood &c. for the Grammar School for the six years last past.

Voted not to pay any rent to the Centre School District.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs held at the Town Hall on the 31st day of Dec. AD. 1831 the following votes were passed viz. Chose Fred. W. Paine Moderator.

Chose Charles A. Hamilton, Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes for the remainder of the year.

Voted that the Town will receive Cyrus Lovell, Asa Rice and Daniel Shepard; [now in West Boylston] provided that their petetion should be granted by the Legislature.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs held at the Town Hall on Monday the Fifth day of March in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and Thirty-two for the purpose of choosing all necessary Town-Officers for the ensuing year and other purposes as specified in the Warrant for said meeting.

The following persons were chosen into the offices respectively as annexed to their names and votes passed as follows viz.

Meeting opened by the Town Clerk.

Votes for a Moderator were brought in sorted counted and were for Fred. W. Paine 257 Isaac Davis 106 Charles Allen 2 Alfred D.Foster 1—366.

1st Chose Fred. W. Paine Moderator.

Votes for Town Clerk were for Benja. Chapin 199 Saml. Jennison 177 Samuel Ward 12 Wm. Harrington 1 Isaac Davis 1—390.

2d Chose *Benja. Chapin Town Clerk.

Voted to choose five Selectmen and the votes for the first were as follows Fred. W. Paine 306 Isaac Davis 117 Alfred D. Foster 1 Charles Allen 1—425.

Mr. Fred. W. Paine was chosen and after declining excused by vote of the Town from serving.

Charles Allen had 244 Isaac Davis 164 Alphs. Merrifield 6 Pliny Merrick 1—425.

Charles Allen was chosen one of the Selectmen.

Alpheus Merrifield had 290 Isaac Davis 8 Henry Heywood 4 Luther Burnett Jr. 2—304.

Alpheus Merrifield was chosen one of the Selectmen.

Henry Heywood had 216 Luther Burnett Jr. 132 Isaac Davis 3 Benja. Flagg 1—352.

Henry Heywood was chosen one of the Selectmen.

Guy S. Newton had 194 Luther Burnett Jr. 37 Isaac Davis 5 Lewis Thayer 1 Jonathan Harrington 1—270.

Guy S. Newton was chosen one of the Selectmen.

Jonathan Harrington had 217 Luther Burnett Jr. 6 Benja. Flagg 1—224.

Jonathan Harrington was chosen one of the Selectmen.

*Charles Allen, *Alphs. Merrifield, *Henry Heywood, †Guy S. Newton, *Jonathan Harrington, Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

Voted to choose three Assessors and to have them chosen separately.

John Gleason Jr. had 166 votes being all the votes for the first Assessor.

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* Sworn. † Affirmed.

2d John W. Lincoln had 176 Lewis Bigelow 113 Lewis Chapin 1—290.

3d Otis Corbett had 153 Lewis Bigelow 64 Wm. Harrington 21 Thos. Chamberlain 7 Alfred D. Foster 1 Francis Thaxter 1 Joseph Holbrook 1 Jonathan Harrington 1—249

*John Gleason Jr., *John W. Lincoln, *Otis Corbett, Assessors.

Votes for Town-Treasurer and Collector of Taxes were as follows.

Charles A. Hamilton had 221 Otis Corbett 94.

Chose Charles A. Hamilton Town-Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

Gaspard A. Vottier, Gardner Paine, Clerks of the Market.

*Lewis Bigelow, *Alphs. Merrifield, Surveyors of Lumber.

*Samuel Harrington Jr., *Jonathan A. Ward, *Jos. T. Turner, *Henry Wheeler, Lewis Brown, *Archibald Willard, Col. Saml. Ward, Saml. M. Deland, Augustus N. Goddard, Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Chose Cyrus Lovell, *Isaac Mills, Uriel Johnson, Horatio Phelps, *Curtis Rice, Fence Viewers.

*Gardner Paine, *Andrew March, *Charles Childs, Ebenezer Balch, *Samuel Warden, *David T. Brigham, George M. Rice, George Tyler, *Robert S. Gleason, *Wm. S. Turner, Edward Curtis, *Horatio N. Tower, *John Gates 2d, John Forbes, *Alexander Moore, *Fitzroy Willard, John P. Kettell, *Leonard Brigham, *Augustus N. Goddard, James Green, Hogreeves and Field-Drivers.

The Report of the School Committee was read and voted to accept it and be put on file.

Rev. Rodney A. Miller, Rev. Alonzo Hill, Rev. [J. S. C.] Abbott, Rev. [F. A.] Willard, Otis Corbett, David T. Brigham, Rejoice Newton, School Committee.

William Harrington, Pound Keeper.

Nathan Heard, Joseph Lovell, Rejoice Newton, Isaac Davis, Col. Saml. Ward, John W. Lincoln, Lewis Bigelow, Lewis Thayer, George T. Rice, Fire-Wards.

*Ebenezer S. Geer, *Simon S. Gates, Leonard Kingsbury, Simeon Hastings, Nahum Willington, *Abel Flagg, *Lewis Thayer, *William Barber, *Ebenezer Read, *Jonathan Nelson, †Guy S. Newton, *Jubal Wheelock, Samuel Perry, *Thomas Nichols,

* Sworn. † Affirmed.

*Benja. Flagg, *Micah Johnson, *Curtis Rice, *Reuben Tatman, *William Hovey, Horatio N. Hair, High Way Surveyors and Collectors of Highway Taxes.

Isaac Davis, Thomas Chamberlain, Silas Brooks, Committee of Estimates.

Perley Goddard, Charles Allen, David T. Brigham, Committee to settle with the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, the late Asa Hamilton Estate and School Committee of the Several School Districts.

Chose *Simeon Gleason, *Lewis Thayer, Joseph Lovell, *Dorance J. Wilder, *Timothy W. Bancroft, Constables.

Voted that the Assessors perform the same duties as last year and to receive the same compensation.

Voted that the Town-Treasurer be Collector and that he receive the same compensation as the Treasurer the last year being $150.

Art. 2. [Committee to superintend the innoculation of the Cow Pox among the inhabitants] Postponed to the adjournment.

Art. 9. [Votes for County Treasurer] Do. to Do.

10th. Voted to have one of the Bells rung as specified in said article.

11th. Voted not to celebrate [on the 4th of July].

12th. Voted to restrain Cattle &c. mentioned in said Art.

13. [In regard to killing certain birds and taking trout and pickerel.] Indefinitely postponed.

14th. Voted that the Sexton receive the same compensation for his services as last year.

15th. [Care of public clocks.] To be dispos'd of as last year.

16th. Voted to have Trees set out on the new Burial Ground and that the Selectmen cause it to be done.

17th. Chose Isaac Davis, Charles Allen, Alphs. Merrifield, Nathan Heard, Purley Goddard, Benja. Chapin, Rejoice Newton, Committee to locate the New School House on Thomas Street.

Art. 18th. [To allow Rejoice Newton and Isaac Davis $50 paid by them to Drs. Fisher and Smith. Also bill of Engine Co. No. 5.] Account allowed.

19th. Voted that the Treasurer & Collector of Taxes be required to settle his account with the Selectmen on or before Feby 15th 1833 and that he pay Interest on what sum is not then collected and paid.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to take the subject of

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*Sworn.

the School District No. 2 into consideration and to report at the adjournment.

Chose Capt. Lewis Barnard, Gardner Burbank & Jona. Harrington for said Committee.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 26th Instant at two of the clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held at the Town-Hall on the 26th day of March 1832 by adjournment from the 5th Instant the following votes were passed viz. Met agreeable to adjournment.

Otis Corbett after declining to serve as an Assessor was excused by vote.

Chose Thomas Chamberlain Assessor.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to Inoculate for the Kine Pox and chose Charles Allen, Otis Corbett and Luther Burnett Jr. for said Committee.

Chose Joseph Patch, *Joel Marble, Highway Surveyors.

Leonard Kingsbury was excused as Highway Surveyor.

Reuben Tatman was excused.

Chose Gardner Burbank one of the [highway surveyors?]

Chose *Charles A. Hamilton, Constable.

Chose Charles Blair, *Charles Paine, Field Drivers and Hog Reeves.

Col. Samuel Ward was excused from serving as Measurer of Wood and *Col. Thomas Chamberlain was chosen Measurer of Wood.

Votes for County Treasurer were brought in sorted and counted and were for Anthony Chase 148, and one for James Harrington.

Voted to raise Three Thousand Dollars for the support of the Public-Schools the current year to be assessed upon the polls and estates of said inhabitants.

Voted that $800, of said sum be appropriated for the Grammar-School.

Voted that $250, be divided among the outer School Districts.

Voted that the remainder of the school money be equally divided among the several School Districts according to the number of Minors in each district.

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As the sense of this meeting it was voted that the Selectmen be directed to Collect the Town-Bonds as soon as may be expedient.

Voted to raise Twenty five Hundred Dollars for repairing the Public Roads and bridges in town the current year.

Voted that the Highway Tax be paid in labor and that the Assessors be authorised to fix the price of Labor of men Oxen &c and to direct what sum each Surveyor shall have to break the Roads in the winter.

The following report was read and accepted.

"The Committee elected by the Town at the [March] Meeting AD. 1832 to make the estimates of the necessary expenditures for the Current year submit the following Report—Your Committee attempted to ascertain the ballance if any in the Treasury They soon ascertained that this was impracticable as the administrator of Capt. Asa Hamilton's Estate was absent from town and no settlement had been effected with him. Whether there is a ballance money in the Treasury your [Committee] know not and it was not any portion of your Committees business to make the settlement with the Treasury. This report is therefore made upon the assumption that the accounts with the Treasury are exactly balanced.

Your Committee recommend the raising of the following sums of money for the following purposes.

For the support of Schools	$3000,
For the support of Highways	2500,
For the support of paupers	1000,
For building and constructing a new road to Grafton now under contract	1125,
To erect a School House in District No. 12	550,
For enlarging School House in Tatnick	350,
To pay interest on demands against the Town	328,
Assessors and Treasurer's services abatement of Taxes & discounts	650,
To pay expenses of a Drain from the Town Hall	150,
Contingent Expenses	250,
For School House for Blacks	325,
	$4728

Voted that the above sum be assessed upon the polls and estates of said inhabitants.

Report of the Committee in relation to the School District No. 2 was read and accepted and is on file.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs held at the Town Hall on the twenty-sixth day of March 1832 the following votes were passed.

Chose Fred. W. Paine, Moderator.

Voted that a Committee of five be chosen with full powers to contract for the removal of the Middle Road by the Court-House pulling up Steps and Walls and in general to have full power regarding the matter but no expense to be incurred by the Town.

Voted that the Committee get legal powers to remove said Road.

Chose for said Committee Nathan Heard, Rejoice Newton, Isaac Davis, Saml. B. Thomas and John W. Lincoln.

Voted to drain the Cellar of the Town Hall and that the Selectmen be authorized to carry the vote into operation.

Voted to dissolve this meeting. Dissolved accordingly.

Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town-Hall on the Seventh day of May AD 1832 the following votes were passed viz.

1. Chose Fred. W. Paine Moderator.

2 Art. Voted that the Selectmen be directed to divide School District No. 2 and to report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting.

3 article in the warrant [in regard to building an addition to the school house in District No. 2]. Referred to the Selectmen.

4 Do. [To direct appropriation of money raised in District No. 2]. Do.

5 Art. ["To see if the Town will alter the location of the School House on Thomas St."] Postponed indefinitely.

Voted to add three to assist the Selectmen in the division of School District No. 2 and chose Pliny Merrick, John W. Lincoln and Thos. Chamberlain.

Voted that the Town sanction and assume the contract of the Selectmen in relation to a contract made with Purley Goddard for wood.

8th art. Voted that the Selectmen be directed to audit & settle the account of School District No. 1.

9 Art. [Allowance to Uriel Johnson and other highway surveyors.] Refered to the Assessors and they to report at the adjournment.

Voted that the above Committee be authorized to audit other accounts of Highway Surveyors of 1830.

Voted to reconsider the last vote.

6 Art. Voted that the Selectmen be directed to repair Engine No. 2 at New-Worcester.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 19th Instant at two of the clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benj[a]. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held on the 19th of April AD. 1832 by adjournment from the 7th Instant the following votes were passed viz.

Voted that the Second, Third and Fourth articles in the Warrant be indefinitely postponed.

A report of the Committee in relation to the above was read and accepted and [is] on file.

9 Art. The Committee to whom were refered the accounts of Messrs. Uriel Johnson and Benja. Butman for labor performed on the highway have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report. The account presented by Capt. Johnson is for the sum of $28.50 from information obtained from him it appears, that the whole amount was for work charged as having been performed in January 1831 in breaking out the road leading by Mr. Joseph Patchs house, that it was done without his direction as one of the Surveyors of highways and for which he does not consider himself accountable Under these circumstances your Committee cannot recommend the payment of this account; they believe that the town are not prepared to countenance such an assumption of power by individuals, which they have delegated to their Surveyors and thereby render the town liable without their consent, for any expense which unauthorized persons may think proper to incur or to establish a precedent which may be urged in favor of the allowance of charges for similar services performed in former years, under circumstances which would entitle them to as favorable consideration as in the present instance and to an amount of no trifling importance.

The account of Mr. Butman is for the sum of $56,24 as having been expended by him in addition to the sum granted him as Surveyor in the Tax bill committed to him Mr. Butman being absent from town the Committee have not had the benefit of an explanation from him & know not what reasons he may assign for thus exceeding his authority or of any circumstances which would

render proper this explanation. The town by a vote required of the assessors of the last year, to direct the several Surveyors in the warrants which should be committed to them, to retain such a proportion of their Highway-tax as the Assessors in their discretion should think proper, to be expended if necessary during that time, then to be worked out in the spring previous to the first day of May. In discharge of this duty the Assessors directed Mr. Butman to retain in his hands the sum of fifty Dollars but it appears from inspection of his account that these directions were wholly disregarded, all the charges are but about the sum of ten Dollars bearing date previous to the commencement of the winter months but whether any of the work has been done since that time is not within the knowledge of the Committee. The apology for such proceeding has not been communicated to them but they are of opinion that when a Surveyor chooses to set at defiance an express direction given by the authority of the town he is not entitled to compensation for any pecuniary losses occationed by such conduct. To allow this account would operate as an inducement to others to violate their duty and might render the treasury liable for charges to an unlimited amount. Establish this practice as correct & instead of the town's voting the sum that they may deem proper to expend for the support of the highways, it will become necessary to enquire of the several Surveyors what sum it is their pleasure to expend each in his own district & they will be relieved of all responsibility for their conduct. The Committee are unanimous in the opinion that the application of Messrs. Johnson & Butman for payment of the accounts presented by them should each of them be rejected. All which is respectfully submitted,

by John Gleason Jr., John W. Lincoln, Thos. Chamberlain,
Committee.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town-affairs held at the Town Hall on the 13th of October 1832 the following votes were passed viz.

Chose Charles Allen, Moderator.

Article Second in the warrant [to accept a town-way from New Worcester to house of the late Jonas Johnson] was postponed by vote to the adjournment of this meeting.

Art. 3. [Town-way from John Willard's to the new road to Millbury.] Voted to Dismiss it.

Articles 4, 5, & 6 were voted to be postponed to the adjournment.

[Art. 4: To accept a town-way from Main street by the houses of Emory Washburn, Henry W. Miller and others (now Pearl st.) Art. 5. Removal of school-house from near Joseph Lovell's to the northeast corner of lot on Thomas and School streets. Art. 6. A town-way on Central street so called.]

Art. 7. [To have the drains near the Town Hall cleared out.] Voted that said article be referred to the Selectmen and that they have authority to draw on the Treasury for the expense of the same.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the Second Monday in November next at three of the clock P. M. Adjourned accordingly.

A true entry Attest Benj[a] Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified by law to vote in the choice of Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, Governor, Lt Governor and Senators of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts holden on the twelfth day of November 1832 being the second Monday of said month.

The votes were brought in, sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as is by the Constitution directed and were as follows.

For Governor

His Excellency Levi Lincoln Three hundred and sixty-one	361
Hon. Marcus Morton One hundred and forty-eight	148
Hon. Samuel Lathrop One hundred and thirty-nine	139
William Baylies One	1

For Lieutenant Governor

Samuel T. Armstrong Three hundred and sixty-one	361
John Mills One hundred & forty seven	147
Timothy Fuller One hundred forty-two	142

For Senators

David Wilder	357	Daniel Thurber	144	Austin Flint	145
Wm. S. Hastings	357	Henry Prentiss	144	Abiel Jacques	145
Samuel Mixter	358	Jonas L. Sibley	144	Tyler Batchelder	145
Ira Barton	357	John Brown	144	Th. Chamberlainn	145
Charles Hudson	357	Moses Wood	144	Theodore Jones	145
Samuel Lee	357	Step. P. Gardner	153	Edward Phillips	1

Votes for Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States.

Electors at Large Charles Jackson 338 Nathan Willis 134 John D. Williams 153

For Suffolk District Thomas H. Perkins 337 Charles Hood 134 Jacob Hall 153

For Essex South District Gideon Barstow 338 John Moriarty 134 William B. Breed 153

For Essex North District Ebenezer Mosely 338 Amos Noyes 134 Thomas Payson 153

For Middlesex District Nathan Brooks 338 Eliphalet Case 134 Benja. Wyman 153

For Worcester South District Aaron Tufts 338 Richard Olney 134 Pliny Merrick 153

For Worcester North District Samuel Lee 338 Charles Sibley 134 Stephen P. Gardner 153

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For Hampden District James Byers 338 Wm. W. Thompson 134 John Chaffee 153

For Berkshire District Henry Shaw 338 Phinehas Allen 134 James W. Robbins 153

For Norfolk District James Richardson 338 Ebenezer Seaver 134 John Bailey 153

For Plymouth District Jotham Lincoln 337 Peter H. Pierce 134 Zechariah Eddy 153

For Barnstable District Nymphas Marston 337 Samuel Stinson 134 Benja. Hallett 153

Voted to adjourn this meeting til two of the clock P. M.

Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

Met agreeable to adjournment and Voted to send Six Representatives to represent the Town in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

First Ballotting Charles Allen had 159 votes Alfred D. Foster 270 Jubal Harrington 141 Nathaniel Stowell 1—571

Second Ballotting Alfred D. Foster 304 Charles Allen 130 Jubal Harrington 131 Nathl. Stowell 2—567

Alfred D. Foster was chosen

Third Ballotting Charles Allen 193 William Eaton 227 Nathl. Stowell 118 Luther Burnett Jr. 1—543 No Choice

4th William Eaton 231 Charles Allen 219 Nathl. Stowell 97 Luther Burnett Jr. 1—548 No Choice

5th William Eaton 204 Charles Allen 226 Nathl. Stowell 78 Lewis Chapin 1 Luther Burnett Jr. 1—510 No Choice

6th Charles Allen 257 Wm. Eaton 173 Nathl. Stowell 60 —490 Charles Allen was chosen

Voted to reconsider the vote in relation to sending Six Representatives but it was Voted to send Six Representatives

7th Lewis Chapin 233 Pliny Merrick 117 Luther Burnett Jr. 64 Jubal Harrington 1 Wm. Eaton 1—416 Lewis Chapin was chosen

8th John W. Lincoln 206 Pliny Merrick 113 Benja. Chapin 67 Benja. Flagg 2 Luther Burnett Jr. 1 Lewis Chapin 1—390 John W. Lincoln was chosen

9 Winsor Hatch 199 Pliny Merrick 103 Benja. Flagg 50 Benja. Chapin 9 Charles Allen 3 Luther Burnett Jr. 1—365 Winsor Hatch was chosen

10th Silas Brooks 222 Pliny Merrick 96 Saml. Ward 64 Benja. Flagg 2 Benja. Chapin 1 Benja. Conant 1 Winsor Hatch 1—387 Silas Brooks was chosen

Voted to dissolve this meeting. Dissolved accordingly.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester held on the 12th of November 1832.

Chose Charles Allen, Moderator.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday next at 2 of the clock P. M.

A True Entry Attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held at the Town-Hall on Monday the 12th Nov. 1832 by an adjournment from the 13th of October last it was voted to still further adjourn this meeting to Monday next at one of the clock P. M.

A true entry Attest Benj^{a} Chapin, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester held on the 19th of November 1832 by adjournment from the 13th of Oct. last and from the 12th Instant the following votes were passed viz.

Art. 2 in the Warrant. Voted to accept the new Road laid out by the Selectmen from New-Worcester to the House of the late Jonas Johnson.

Art. 4th Voted to accept the Road or Town-Way by the Houses of Emory Washburn, Henry Miller and others; Provided that part of the road not now made, be made within twelve months from this date to the acceptance of the Selectmen of the Town without expense to said Town.

5 art Voted to dismiss it. 6 art Do. [See pages 357–8.]

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Entry Attest Benj^{a}. Chapin Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town-affairs held at the Town Hall on the Nineteenth of Nov. 1832 by adjournment from the twelfth Instant the following votes were passed.

Art. 2d [To provide a fire engine to be located near White & Boyden's factory.] Voted to dismiss said article.

3d art. [To adopt a system of repairing highways.] Voted that a Committee of the Six Representatives chosen by the Town at the last town meeting be the committee to Report at the next annual March meeting on said article.

Voted that three be added to the above Committee and Chose Lewis Barnard, Benja. Flagg & Henry Heywood.

4 art. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to cause a Railing to the steps of the Town-Hall and also to erect a Lamp in front of said Hall and to have the Lamp lighted at the expense of the Town.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A true entry attest Benja. Chapin, Town Clerk.

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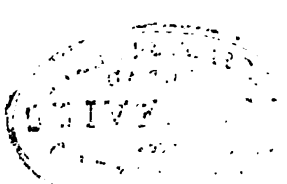

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